

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

**HQ FILE: 100-50869**

**SECTION 10**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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July 19, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have heard statements from various people saying that the National Council of Churches has questionable connections with Communists or Communist organizations. Is this true? Could you send me any available information on this subject. Thank you.

My address is:

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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July 28, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated July 19, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director  
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ATTENTION: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

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The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. Reprint from the "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1950, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been informed that the NCCC has questionable connections with communists or communist organizations. He asked if this is true and requests any available information on the subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum



TO : Mr. McGhee *Jfm*

DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : ~~Mr. McGhee~~ *Light*

SUBJECT:

National Council of Churches

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*booklet April 1960 From the Pulpit of Central*

The attached Presbyterian Church 5213 *Montrose Blvd* ~~has been~~ received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

*Houston 6, Texas*

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1 - Mr. Simpson

July 12, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 30, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

The statements attributed to me are correct and accurate as quoted in your letter. I am enclosing copies of my reports before congressional committees on April 26, 1947, and March 12, 1948, and of my address before the National Council of Catholic Bishops on November 1, 1950, in which these statements were made. Also you will find statements in certain of our reports referring to some of the general activities of our society in which communists have attempted to infiltrate. These statements are certainly not to be construed as referring to any particular religious denomination or church group.

I would like to advise you that I have made no statement concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

In response to your inquiry concerning an FBI report which you received or mentioned, you may be interested to know that the FBI is actively investigating the activities of the National Council of Catholic Bishops and, consequently, has not prepared or published such a list. The Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, however, has prepared and released a publication entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and

1 - Memphis (enclosure)  
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Miss Gandy

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Publications" which may be of assistance to you. This  
pamphlet may be obtained for thirty-five cents per copy  
by communicating with the Superintendent of Documents,  
United States Government Printing Office, Corner North  
Capitol and H Streets, Northwest, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

ATTENTION: SAC, MEMPHIS

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efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not  
appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA  
is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]



NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised that he will soon be engaged in preparing a research paper for his college work on an evaluation of the NCCC. He quoted three statements made by the Director: (1) from the Director's speech before the National Council of Catholic Women in which he indicated that communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations, (2) a statement by the Director before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947, in which the Director expressed his apprehension as long as communists are able to secure ministers to promote their evil work, and (3) the statement made by the Director indicating that A. J. Muste has long fronted for communists which was made in the Director's comments concerning the 16th Annual Convention of the CP.

Correspondent states he has heard that the Director sent a letter to the NCCC stating he had been quoted out of context and his statements misinterpreted and were not intended to "reflect badly" on the NCCC. He, therefore, inquires if these statements were made by the Director. He also states that if the Director's statement concerning Muste is correct, such statement does reflect ill upon the NCCC since Muste has long been a driving force in that organization. He then asks how he can obtain a copy of the "black list" of subversive organizations published by the FBI.

Correspondent has jumped to the conclusion that the Director's statement concerning Muste constitutes an attack upon the NCCC because of Muste's connection with the organization. It is not believed the Bureau should make any attempt to explain to the correspondent the basis for the Director's statement concerning Muste. The correspondent's conclusion is not justifiable on the basis of the Director's statements; however, he is entitled to his own conclusions. We have not been able to locate any letter from the Bureau to the NCCC advising that the Director's statements were not intended to reflect on the NCCC. The Bureau has, however, advised numerous correspondents who have written in concerning the above statements, particularly the statement in the Director's 1947 testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, that the statements were not to be construed

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as referring to any religious denomination or church group. We have also on occasions advised correspondents that the Bureau has issued no statement criticizing the NCCC. It is believed under the circumstances that we should also so advise this correspondent.

[REDACTED]  
June 30, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

During the coming session of school I will be engaged in writing an extensive research paper entitled "Attack of the National Council of Churches: A Critical Evaluation," which will be submitted as partial fulfillment of the requirements of the "Senior Bible" course at Southwestern college. In doing research I have come across several statements attributed to you:

Because they despise the Church, the Communists continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations. What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for their programs than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of the Communists to get others to front for them and do their dirty work cannot be underestimated.

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I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism.

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The Communists boasted of having "impartial observers" cover the convention. However, most of these so-called impartial observers were hand-picked before the convention started and were reportedly headed by A.J. Muste, who has long fronted for Communists and who recently circulated an amnesty petition calling for the release of Communist leaders convicted under the Smith Act. Muste's report on the convention was biased, as could be expected.

I have heard also that you sent a letter to the National Council of Churches stating that you had been quoted out of context and your meaning misinterpreted. I have also been told that you reported to the Council that your statement(s) were in no way intended to reflect badly on the NCC. Could you tell me, please sir, if the above statements were made by you and, if so, were they the one(s) you referred to in your brief to the Council? If the one concerning A.J. Muste is correct, it would seem that you could hardly keep from reflecting ill upon the NCC, as Muste has long been a driving force in

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the Council as well as in the Fellowship of Reconciliation--the members of both (the leaders more specifically) in a great many cases have "long fronted for Communists," according to some sources such as the House Un-American Activities and Herbert A. Philbrick.

I have also heard that the FBI publishes a "black list" of subversive organizations. Could you tell me how to obtain one of these and the financial requirements involved?

Any help you could give me would be invaluable to my evaluation. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 22, 1960

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD OF RADIO--TELEVISION"  
 AUTHOR: JOHN W. BACHMAN  
 PUBLISHER: ASSOCIATION PRESS, 291 BROADWAY,  
 NEW YORK 7, NEW YORK  
 BOOK REVIEW

## BACKGROUND:

Reference is made to Jones to DeLoach memorandum dated 6/9/60 captioned "Report On Television By The National Council of Churches." This report, published by the National Council of Churches, has been described by Drew Pearson as one of the most devastating reports in the history of television. In essence, this report sets forth the findings of a study commission which was to delve into the broadcasting and film industry as it related to the field of religious education. A progress report was submitted in February, 1959, and another in February, 1960. Captioned book sets forth the major points covered by the commission in their report; however, this book, while not an official statement of the study commission, nor of the National Council of Churches, is highly recommended by the commission.

## GENERAL THEME:

Author Bachman analyzes the effect that the media of radio and television have on the world today through the eyes of a Christian. He briefly dissects the American system of broadcasting and its growth from a small, newly-developed endeavor to a far-reaching business enterprise which greatly effects all with whom it comes in contact. He points out the noted lack of religious-type programs which are released during "prime times." The same is true for entertainment on the intellectual level such as operas, Shakespearean plays, etc.

Bachman recognizes that the level of interesting and worthwhile programs can certainly be raised through concentrated effort on the part of both the networks involved and by the sponsors of the individual programs. The voluminous Western series which populate the television screen today are also taken into account by the author and their obvious effect on the youth of this era. He points out that although when it is reported that a certain broadcast has changed the opinions of only 5% of its audience, this may sound insignificant until it is recognized that a single network television program often attracts 20 million or more viewers. As a corollary to this, the effect that this one

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1 - Mr. Belmont (Central Research)

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Jones to DeLoach memorandum  
Re: "The Church In The World Of Radio--Television"  
Book Review

program has on the 20 million viewers is in a sense cumulative because the million persons affected (5%) would undoubtedly spread their opinions and influence relatives, friends and co-workers.

The many-sided area of news discussions comes into analysis together with the obvious resulting controversies between any two factions. On page 69, Bachman mentions the occasion when Cyrus S. Eaton interviewed on the air by Mike Wallace expressed a low opinion of the FBI and "scores of agencies engaged in investigating, in snooping, in informing, in creeping up on people." Congressman Walter solicited time from the American Broadcasting Company to reply to Mr. Eaton. The same "equal time" concept has become very notable in the field of politics as the representatives of one party demand "free time" to rebut allegations put forth by the opposition.

Mr. Bachman, after his analysis of the radio and television world of today, together with its problems and its possibilities, launches into what he considers to be a desirable direction for these forms of media. He points out the notable lack of encouragement for religious programs and adds that the two main religious programs, "Look Up and Live" and "Frontier of Faith," are scheduled when most churchgoers can seldom view them. He feels that although the field of religious education, through the use of radio and television and its corresponding uplift of moral standards, is certainly a step in the right direction for bettering the programs which are released to the public, continuing research in matters such as this is obviously necessary. He mentions that one such research organization has already begun (New Haven Communications Research Project). He ends his book with a paraphrase from the Bible, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard what is possible for the church in the world of radio--television if there is persistence in the pursuit."

This book will be placed in the Bureau Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

June 22, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 14, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government. In keeping with this policy, I can state that I have made no statements such as you have indicated concerning the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Los Angeles (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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[REDACTED]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is concerned relative to a movement in his area of the country and points out that a group of people who are well intentioned but possibly misguided are making a deliberate attack upon the <sup>new</sup> Catholic churches. Some of these people, including several in his own congregation, appear to be members of the Minute Women of the USA. They distribute pamphlets printed by this organization as well as reprints of the proceedings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to smear protestant clergy and the NCCC. He states that what is of great concern to him is their use of statements allegedly made by the Director condemning the NCCC as a communist dominated group. He is fearful that some persons will be impressed by the statements of the Director taken out of context. He requested the Bureau advise him if in the Director's judgment there is any real basis for branding the NCCC as a communist front organization.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

June 14, 1960

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter to you because of a sincere and grave concern over a movement which is creeping throughout our South and Southwest, and particularly in the communities of Pasadena and Palos Verdes Estates.

A group of people, who in my opinion are well-intentioned but misguided, are making a deliberate attack upon the non-Roman Catholic Churches in these areas by attempting to persuade the leaders and members to withdraw financial support of those congregations whose national bodies are affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

Now this in itself is of no concern of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; but I believe the methods used should be brought to the attention of you and the department of which you are the administrative head.

These people --- and I have two families very active in my own congregation --- appear to be members of an organization called The Minute Women of The United States of America, Inc. with headquarters in Wheeling, West Virginia. They use pamphlets printed by this organization as well as reprints of the proceedings of the Un-American Activities Committee to smear Protestant clergy in general and The National Council of Churches in particular. What is of greater concern to me is their use of statements purportedly made by you in which you condemn The National Council of Churches as a Communist-dominated group.

Intelligent and thinking people are not going to be influenced by these tactics. To others, however, the innumerable quotations

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in and out of context from statements by you and by people appearing before the Un-American Activities Committee is most impressive and telling.

As a loyal Churchman and a loyal American, I should like to know if there is in your judgement any real basis for branding the National Council of Church as a communist-front organization.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

June 22, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 13, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your concern is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, or his place or position. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or make arrests. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing volume of counterfeits in this country. I am particularly sure that the material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure (3)

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent, secretary-treasurer of a Sunday School, desires to know some of the "theories" behind the NCCC. She advises that her church plans a business meeting to decide whether or not it should support the Council.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
June 13-1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir:

I would like to know some of the theories that is behind the National Council of Churches. Our minister gave us a little idea of what he knows about it and it certainly doesn't sound good. He said we could write to you for more information.

We are to have a business meeting concerning supporting this council and we'd like some information on the matter.

Our church is a little country Baptist church, but we'd like to know if we help support this council that we would be going against the very things we try to do right.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very Sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Very sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

1 - Mr. Farrow

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June 22, 1960

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**ATTENTION: SAC, BUTTE**

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent advises that an article from the "American Mercury" magazine stated that 30 of the 95 men who prepared the Revised Standard Version of The Bible "have been affiliated with Communists and pro-Communist fronts, projects, publications, etc..."

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NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:

He states he has read a denial of these charges in a pamphlet published by the NCCC. He states that both articles cannot be right. Correspondent lists seven individuals who were mentioned in the "American Mercury" magazine article and asks if these men have been affiliated with the CP or CP front organizations.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

[REDACTED]  
June 13, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I came across an article recently concerning Communist influence in connection with the National Council of Churches. A portion of this article (Nov 1959 American Mercury p. 56) indicated 30 of the 95 men affiliated with the preparation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible "have been affiliated with Communists and pro-Communist fronts, projects, publications, etc..."

A week later I read a pamphlet published by the National Council of Churches itself in which it stoutly claims that no member of its group has ever had Communist membership or affiliation. Both articles cannot be right!

I have listed below some of the men The American Mercury article (above) named as supporters of Communist causes. I would appreciate learning from your organization if these men are indeed what the Mercury article claims.

W. Russell Bowie, Grace Church, New York, 29 different Communist enterprises; Fleming James, University of the South, 22; Percy Waterman, University of Michigan, 20.

Some of the following are said to have been affiliated with fronts, publications and other enterprises which have aided and abetted the cause of Communism in the U.S.:

Charles W. Arbuckle, Andover Newton Theological Seminary; John W. Beardslee, Jr., New Brunswick Seminary; Julius A. Beyer, Union Theological Seminary; George V. Schick, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

I know of no better way of obtaining this information than writing your organization. I would greatly appreciate receiving what you can tell me of these men in relation to the claims against them as stated in American Mercury.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Simpson

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June 20, 1960

AIRMAIL

[REDACTED]

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Director

1 - Seattle

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Miss Gandy	

**ATTENTION: SAC, SEATTLE**

Correspondent requested information concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC), stating the information would have a bearing on the relationship she would have with her church. She inquired if the Bureau found that the NCCC was in any way communistic. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The enclosure to correspondent's letter was a self-addressed envelope.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

(100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed envelope with an airmail stamp, which is being used in reply.

[REDACTED]  
June 13th, 1960

Federal Bureau Of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
Attention Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you for information relative to an investigation of the National Council Of Churches. I would like a definite authentic answer to this as it has a definite bearing on the relationship I may or may not have with my particular church.

Did you find by your investigation that the National Council of Churches are in any way communistic or affiliated with them in any way?.

I am enclosing a self addressed Air Mail envelope. Will you please answer immediately.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(100-50869)

DATE: 6/21/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-40949)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
IS - CH

Re Legat, Tokyo letter to Director, 4/13/60.

NYO files contain no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]

UACB, no further action will be taken in this matter by the NYO.

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by routing slip for \_\_\_\_\_  
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date \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2 - Bureau (100-50869) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-40949)

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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100-50867-461

June 20, 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 13, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that policy considerations preclude me from commenting upon the character or integrity of the members of the committee referred to in your letter. As you may know, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential and classified, only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. You should not infer, however, that our files do or do not contain the information you have requested.

I am, however, enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which contains information that I am at liberty to disclose and which I trust will be of assistance to you in connection with the matter discussed in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

- 1 - Kansas City (enclosure)
- SEE NOTE TO KANSAS CITY, PAGE TWO
- RDS:pw (4) SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
3. "Communist 'New Look.'"
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent makes reference to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible allegedly compiled in 1946 by a committee of the NCCC. He has heard some of the members of the committee were or have become involved with the CP and wants to know the facts. He inquires (1) have any of the members of this committee ever been communists and can the FBI prove it, (2) what can Americans do to protect religious doctrinal material from communist tampering, and (3) since communists are atheists, how can we expect to determine, through our legal systems, the true approaches of such people to our religious or governmental principles." He states "Masters of Deceit" has made him curious how this aspect of our life could be so misconstrued or how the people could be so duped.

June 13, 1960  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have noticed some various replies in newspapers and magazines concerning certain religious aspects about the Revised Standard Version and I would like for the department which should be most clear on the details to please help me get something straight. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible, as I can understand it, was many years in the works and finally was completed in 1946 by a committee of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Some 32 members served on the committee and some 50 advisors from the various denominations also made active decisions concerning passages, verses and words, and the deleting of certain of these.

In Springfield, Missouri, there is a denomination, or rather a strain of a denomination, which contends that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, published in 1951, was written by Communists or that the meanings of certain passages have been changed by people who have before or since become involved with the Communist Party. They believe that this revised Version should not be allowed to be used- and they will study no other version.

I do not want to change anyone's mind, nor simply try to prove a point that I may have pre-conceived about the version. I want to know the facts about these statements and these people. When I study, I like to know as much about the author as I can. I will be enlightened and will not have to listen to anymore rumors about which I have no real proof.

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Could you please tell me:

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1. Have any of the Revised Standard Version Bible committee ever been Communists? Can the F.B.I. prove this?
2. What can we, as simple Americans, do to protect our religious doctrinal material from the hands of Communist tampering?
3. Since Communists are atheists, how can we expect to determine, through our legal systems, the true approaches of such people to our religious or governmental principles?
4. I have read Masters of Deceit and it has made me curious as to how this particular aspect of our life could either be so misconstrued or how the people, including myself, could be so duped. Please see if you can give me some definite answers.

Very respectfully,  
[REDACTED]

MISSOURI

1 - Mr. Farrow

460 June 17, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the growing menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this material, which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

2 - Boston (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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SEE NOTE ON YELLOW PAGE TWO

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Casper  
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

**ATTENTION: SAC, BOSTON**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent desires to know the facts concerning the NCCC. She states the Air Force Manual issue and other reports regarding the National Council of Churches started her on a "crusade" to learn the truth concerning this matter.

Correspondent undoubtedly refers to charges of communist infiltration of the NCCC. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

6/10/60

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This Air Force Manual issue regarding the Nat'l Council of Churches, plus other such reports, have started me on a "crusade" of trying to learn the truth for myself concerning this.

Please settle this, once and for all. Please tell me the facts.

I come to you for you seem to be the likely person who could settle this.

I am not a supporter of the Council at this time.

Please, sir, answer this letter, and please state the facts clearly.

I shall be most grateful for your reply.

Yours truly,

/s/

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

TRUE COPY

6/1/60

Dear Mr. Harris:

This Air Force Manual  
issued regarding the Natl  
Council of Churches, placed  
other such matters, have  
the text in an "outline"  
I think to be in the  
of the Air Force  
concerning this.

I would like to see  
you on the point.  
I would like to see  
you on the point.  
I would like to see  
you on the point.

I am at a <sup>23</sup> JUN 21 1960,  
The Council of Churches

CORRESPONDENCE

the other, and please  
state the facts as they  
are. We are most  
interested in your reply.



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June 17, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 11, 1960, and appreciate your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of individuals, publications or organizations. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have in our files the specific information you desire. I am, however, enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
LEB, March 1960 Introduction & 17th Convention CPUSA

NOTE: We have received a number of allegations from various individuals in the past that the National Council of Churches has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the organization as such, we have kept abreast of the Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA) attempts to infiltrate the organization through our over-all investigation of the CPUSA. It does not appear at this time that the CPUSA (NOTE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
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**NOTE: (Continued)**

is dictating the policies of the National Council of Churches today. The controversial matter of the Council has become more prevalent in recent months in view of the problem over the Air Force manual. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
June 11, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I report to you the issue concerning the possibility of ecumenism in the National Council of Churches has become a source of debate in my community. Following, generally, I cannot believe that these changes are true. The National Council of Churches has been called upon to discuss the possibility of these changes.

I am sure you are aware of the work of the National Council of Churches. Yet I would greatly appreciate a brief note to you concerning this matter. If some of the leaders in the National Council of Churches are advocates I would like to know about it. If the National Council of Churches is not under suspicion in its work or activities in the Department of Justice I would appreciate having this information.

With this letter you are greatly indebted to me and your staff for the excellent service you are performing.

Very cordially yours,  
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June 15, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 6, 1960, with enclosures, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

While I would like to be of service to you, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. For this reason, I am unable to answer your inquiry, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files. I am, however, enclosing some of my recent comments on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you, and your envelope is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

W. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

Enclosures (4) Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
S-60 LEB Introduction  
17th National Convention, CPUSA  
self addressed envelope

NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to [REDACTED] or the "Bible Institute News." Enclosed publication takes issue with the National Council of Churches and infers that it is infiltrated by the communists. The National Council of Churches is currently a controversial organization and has been for some years; however, the recent difficulties stirred up by the Air Force Manual have caused even more dissension by the church groups. The foregoing reply has been utilized in the past in answer to inquiries regarding this matter.

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[REDACTED]  
June 6, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I'm sure I am not alone when I say that I, an ordinary citizen, housewife and mother am very perplexed at times as to what or how much to believe. How does one learn to know what may be a Communist line or statements of half truths or outright lies about innocent people?

Recently I came upon the following: From The "Bible Institute News," Okla. City, Okla, March 1960, Page 4. from the Air-Reserve Center - Student Text.

"The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects & publications."

I am enclosing this publication. I wonder how much of it should be attributed to a "crackpot," someone on a witch hunt, or are these statements true? Is Mr. Dahlberg, president of The National Council of Churches a Communist or Commie sympathizer?

Where does one turn for the truth in these days of deception?

I would be most grateful for any information you can give me.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[Handwritten mark]

[Redacted]

June 10, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I'm sure I am not alone when I say that I, an ordinary citizen, have my wife and mother are very perplexed at times as to what you have said to believe. How do we ever learn to know what may be a Communist line or statements of half truths or outright lies about innocent people?

Recently I saw a report the following:  
"Sun 11. Bible Institute News", Okla. City, Okla., March 1960, Page 4, from the New-Renaissance Center - Student Post.

The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 45 persons who worked on this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects & publications.

I am enclosing this publication...  
wonder how much of it is...  
"excerpt", someone on

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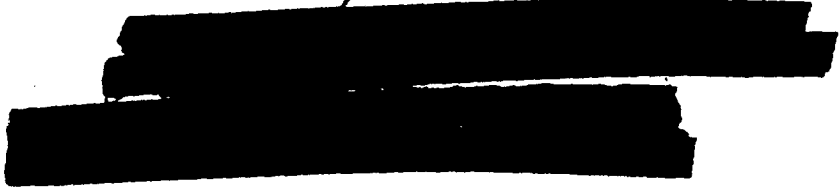
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True? To Mr. Hallberg, President of  
The National Council of Churches a  
Communist and Communist sympathizer?

What does our town for the  
truth in these days of deception?

I would be most grateful for  
any information you can give  
me.

Yours very truly,  


1 - Mr. Farrow

June 15, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED]

Your letter dated June 6, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
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- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
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- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

[REDACTED]

ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Correspondent enclosed a church bulletin which contained the order of worship for Sunday, June 5, 1960, and general church news and a mimeographed bulletin concerning future church activities.

On several prior occasions correspondent has requested information, literature and films from the Bureau. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a minister, requests the following information:

1. "Has the F.B.I. (or now is) having under surveillance any clerical and/or lay member of the official organization of the National Council of Churches?"
2. "Are any of these known to be card-carrying Communists?"
3. "Are any of these known to be members of Communist-front organizations?"

Should this information be furnished to him, he asked if he can quote the Director directly or just as "an official Washington, D. C. source."

Bufiles reveal that correspondent seems to be using the Bureau as a general information bureau and research section and, therefore, should not be encouraged. (33-1-17-862)

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve interests of the Bureau.



6 June 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have been most cooperative in the past --and I certainly appreciate it-- and so I am writing to inquire of you as to the following (if it is not classified information):

1. Has the F. B. I. (or now is) having under surveillance any clerical and/or lay member of the official organization of the National Council of Churches?
2. Are any of these known to be card-carrying Communists?
3. Are any of these known to be members of Communist-front organizations.

If this information, in either generalities or detail, can be furnished the undersigned then the next question would be whether I could quote you directly (if so, could a Stenifax stencil be made of the letter?), or just as "an official Washington, D. C. source"?

I was ordained in a church affiliated with the S. E. C., but am presently pastoring a parish affiliated with the A. E. C. and would like to have the facts, not the innuendos of a certain segment of the troublesome religious communities in the U. S. A.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-50869)

DATE: June 10, 1960

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (105-1021)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
IS - CH

Re mylet 4/13/60 and Bureau reply by form 0-7, 5/4/60.

The New York Office is requested to advise result of file check.

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- 1 - Tokyo

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June 13, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 1, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing examinations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, institution or organization. The FBI is strictly an agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or non-clearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not feel that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the names of contributors to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for your information by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

I am returning the self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully furnished.

Sincerely yours,

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JUN 13 1960  
COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)

1 - Milwaukee (enclosure)  
SEE NOTE TO MILWAUKEE, PAGE TWO

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- Mr. DeLoach
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- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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**ATTENTION: SAC, MILWAUKEE**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent has read about communists working their way into Protestant churches. He asked for information concerning the NCCC. He asked "if the Denom. you & Pres. Ike belong to belongs to this Counsel?"

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau. The correspondent furnished a self-addressed, stamped envelope which is being returned to him.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
June 1st, 60

Dear Sir: We don't know if you ans. letters of business your self or Not, however we are taking a chance.

We have seen a lot about Communists working their way in the various Protestant churches thru the Ministers.

We also heard where you are investigating in the matter.

According to your way of thinking what can you tell us about the National Counsel of Churches, the I.S. V Etc? We understand that there are about 30 Protestant churches in the Counsel. Our Den. the Evangelical United Brethren is in the Counsel. We got in so slick, and if it is wrong, tis hard to get out, unless we leave the Denomination. We are wondering if the Denom. you & Pres. Ike belong to belongs to this Counsel? We think Dr. Elson your Pastor is a wonderful Godly man. We have read a number of his articles.

Please Mr. Hoover ans. if at all possible and give us some information. From what we have read, this particular Counsel don't seem right.

Sincerely your friends

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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TRUE COPY

June 1st 60

Dear Sir: We don't know if you ans. letter of business you self or not, however we are taking a chance.

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We also heard where you are investigating in the matter according to your way of thinking what can you tell us about

the National Council of Churches the P. S. V Etc? We understand that there are about 30 Protestant churches in the Council.

Dear Sir, the Evangelical written Brethren be in on the Council. We got in as well and if it is wrong, to find

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to get out, unless we learn  
the denomination. We are wondering  
if the Denver, you & Pres. I do  
belong to belongs to this Council?  
We think Sr. Elye your pastor  
is a wonderful Godly man.  
We have read a number of his  
articles.

Please Mr. Hoover care.  
if at all possible and  
give us some information.  
From what we have read, this  
particular <sup>Council</sup> don't seem right.

Sincerely your friends

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1 - Mr. Farrow

June 13, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated June 3, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. In keeping with this policy, I can state that I have made no statements, either personally or officially, such as you have mentioned concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in furnishing me with a copy of the report "Relation of Religion to Public Education."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed a copy of the pamphlet "Relation of Religion to Public Education" which indicated it was prepared by the Committee on Religion and Public Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) in the USA.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent states that he was told by three individuals that "Mr. J. Edgar Hoover personally had said that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America was under the control of Communists, that there were many Communists in it." He asks if the Director was quoted accurately.

The enclosure to correspondent's letter reveals that he is the [redacted] of the Committee on Religion and Public Education of the NCCC in the USA. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau. Correspondent furnished a pamphlet which is a study document prepared to assist church members with issues affecting public elementary and secondary schools.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the recent National Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Memphis, Tennessee, I was told by three delegates separately that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover personally had said that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America was under the control of Communists, that there were many Communists in it.

I shall appreciate knowing from you whether these delegates quoted you accurately?

Yours very truly,  
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June 5, 1960

P. S. Remembering some of your interests, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of the report, "Relation of Religion to Public Education."

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 9, 1960

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON TELEVISION  
BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Reference is made to the memorandum of June 6, 1960, from G. H. Scatterday to Mr. Belmont on Drew Pearson's broadcast, and particularly to the comment of Pearson to the effect that the most devastating report in the history of television had been issued by the National Council of Churches. Mr. Tolson observed we should get a copy of this report and the Director agreed.

This report has been obtained from the New York Office and a copy is attached.

The report which is dated June 1, 1960, reflects that the General Assembly of National Council of Churches, in its meeting in St. Louis in December, 1957, directed the General Board of the Council to appoint a "Study Commission on the role of radio, television and films in religion." Such a Study Commission was appointed and since 1957 this Commission has had six two-day meetings in addition to the work of a Task Force and the committee staff. Representatives of the Commission have met with the representatives of the broadcasting industry and the film industry for an exchange of views. A progress report was submitted in February, 1959, and also one in February, 1960. The major report was in the form of a book by John W. Bachman entitled "The Church in the World of Radio-Television," which was issued in February, 1960. This volume, while not an official statement of the Study Commission nor of the National Council of Churches, is, of course, an outgrowth of the Study Commission's work and is highly recommended by the Commission. The June 1, 1960, report of the Commission concludes the work of that group.

While most of the 15-page report dated June 1 pertains to use of mass media by religious groups, there are several significant statements concerning radio and television. It is conceded there is much in the mass media to "expand man's horizons, deepen his sympathies and increase his dignity," but at the same time, the potential of these media for good is balanced by a disturbing potential for the "degradation of man, his manipulation, and his education in false systems of value." The report explains that this refers not merely to preoccupation with sex and violence and dishonest practices in the industries but, more fundamentally, to the assumption in the content of the media and the policies which govern them that "man's end is material advantage, power and pleasure, to be achieved through competing with, manipulating and exploiting his fellow man."

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M. A. Jones to Mr. DeLoach memorandum dated 6-9-60  
RE: "Report on Television By the National Council of Churches"

The report urges churches to take positive steps toward improving these mass media, though it is stated that over-all censorship should not be attempted. The attempts of irresponsible people to circumvent the spirit and the letter of the Motion Picture Code are deplored. It is stated that churches should demand higher standards in the production and use of films made for church showing.

With regard to radio and television the report is of the opinion that sponsors, advertisers, etc., should be held accountable for the impact of these media on the American home and the community. It is stated that churches and elements of the responsible public have an obligation to go to FCC and Congress and to urge the FCC to properly supervise radio and television stations in the public interest.

It has been ascertained that the book by John W. Bachman, "The Church in the World of Radio-Television," is not available at this time in Washington bookstores. Accordingly, a copy will be obtained from the New York Office and will be reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

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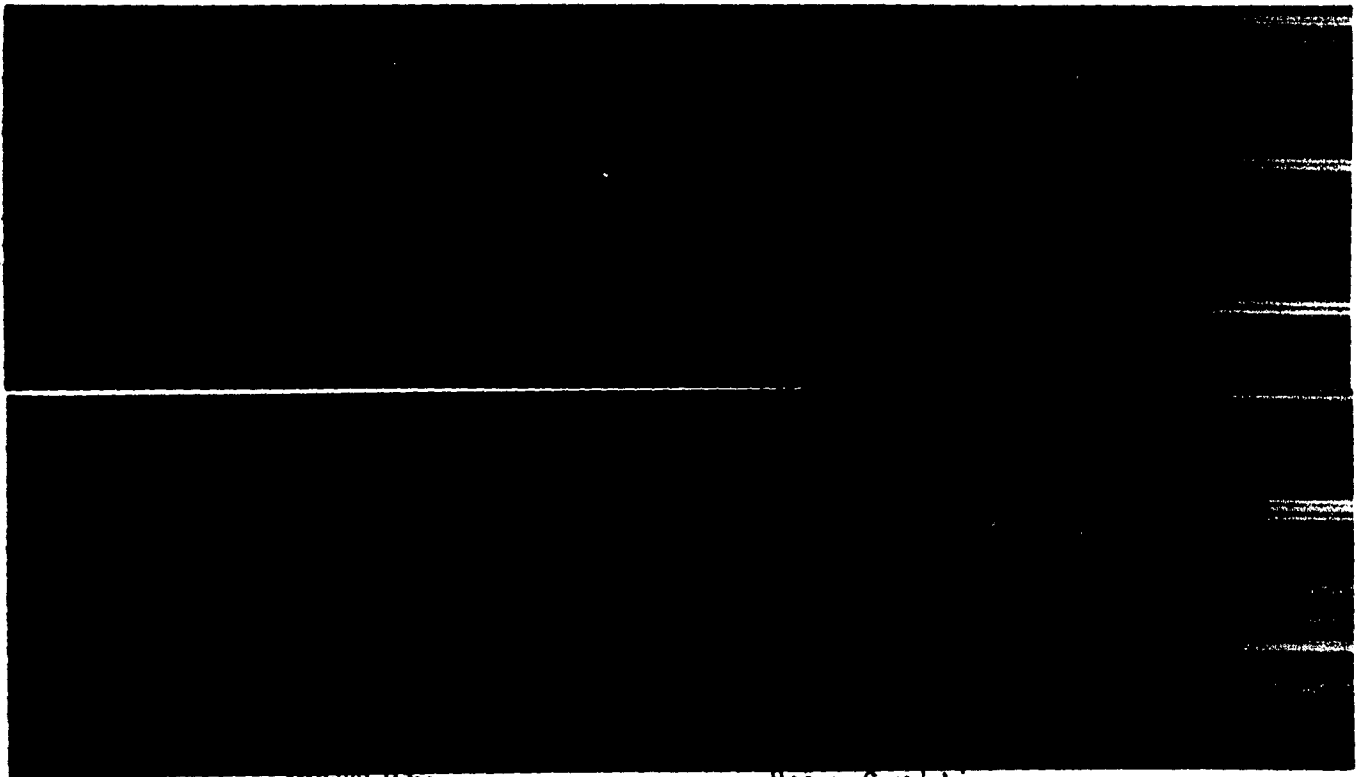
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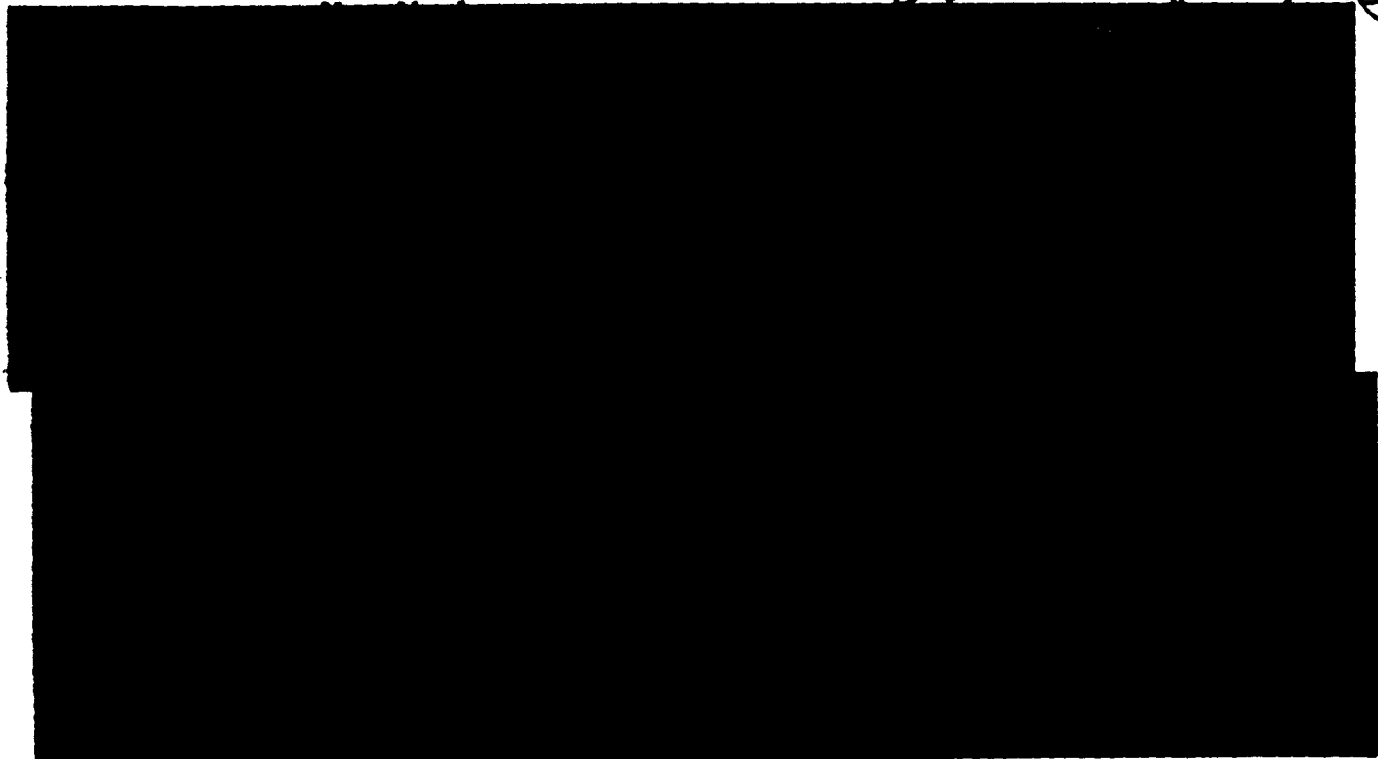
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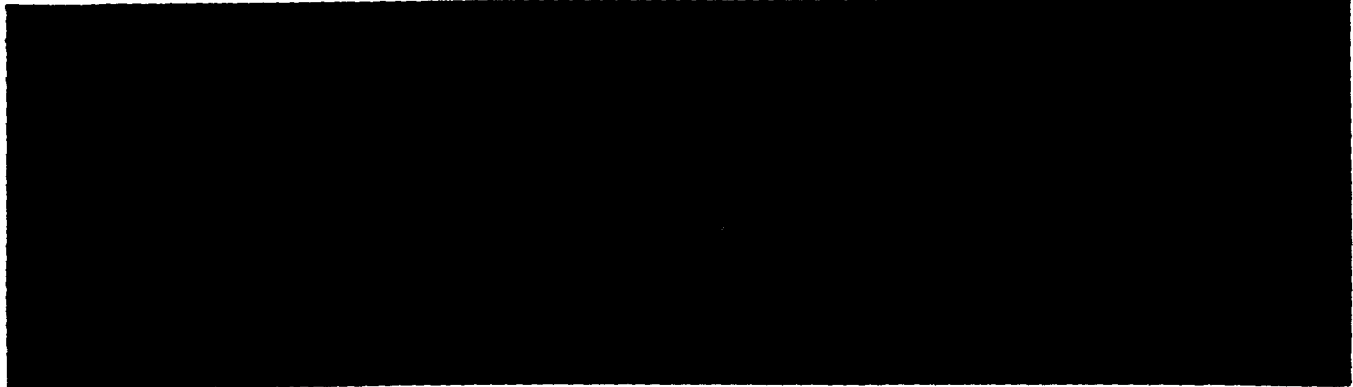
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SUBJECT: National Council of the Churches of Christ

~~entitled Metropolitan Nicolai Agent In Soviet Secret Police~~

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and our heads with long ropes and they... to kneel on the platform in our church assembly hall with sign... of our souls which said 'Guilty Crime.' They slapped our faces... our bodies, and poured cold water on our heads. They made... stand and watch. If they cried, the Communist had... wanted me to cry. I was an impartial agent... the accounts of money I was supposed to have received from the missionaries. They wanted me to tell what kind of game and riddle the missionaries had given to me. They accused me of helping twelve missionaries escape from Washington before the Communist came. They wanted me to reject Christ, give up my church, and admit that the only God was Mao Tse-tung, head of the Communist government.

... If I had confessed they would have killed me immediately. They were going to put me into prison anyway.

Under date of October 30, 1950, Melville Clinger, former undercover agent for the FBI who served in the Communist Party, testified as follows:

"Question: What was the practice of the Communist Party during the period of your membership with regard to assigning people to work in mass organizations?  
"Mr. Clinger: Almost everyone was assigned to some type of a mass organization. Now, there may have been something that they were interested in. I mean, they were all in some group that they may have belonged to, but if you didn't belong, you were told where or what to join. I remember the churches. There was one period where they hit it was quite necessary that different people join different churches, and so—

"Question: ... Now, if you will recall other assignments, you spoke of assignments in church work. Do you know of anyone who received such an assignment who was known to you personally to be a member of the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Clinger: Yes. The name O. K. Burwell, I know, did quite a bit. I know that he belonged to the church in Santa Monica, and to me this was kind of an odd thing, and so many of the old-timers in the Communist Party it was kind of odd thinking to have to go into a church. ... I noticed it was mostly the younger—I wouldn't say younger, I mean the newer—members that they were able to do this with. I noticed it was not the older members, long-standing members who were too interested in taking on this task of going into the churches to work.  
"I know my husband was asked to join a church, and I frowned on this, so that he was not pushed to go ahead with this."

A few months ago Mrs. Dorothy Healy, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, reported in a conversation speech regarding the activities of the Communists of southern California, in part, as follows:

"... Communists ... are working in community organizations, fraternal organizations or churches.  
"A further expression of the way to develop and consolidate the antimoney monopoly alliance, is through our participation in activating the program of the people's organizations to which we belong."

Marion Miller, former undercover agent for the FBI, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on October 21, 1950, as follows:

"Mrs. Miller: ... these people ... carry out this Communist propaganda and the work of the party to further where they are because that is their duty to promote communism wherever they are, whatever time it might be. They live and breathe to Communists, in whatever organization they go into. It's not emphasis in too strongly, whether it is a trade union or in a fraternal organization, or in a religious group, in a church, wherever it may be, the duty of a Communist is to carry out the Communist program."

Miss Carol Boyan, San Diego native and resident, appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on April 21, 1954. She became a Communist sympathizer late in 1944, and joined the Communist Party early in 1949. She testified that she had been dropped from party rolls sometime in 1951 at her request, and that she made an effort to rejoin the party in February 1954. She testified as follows:

"Question: Were you given instructions at any time by the Communist Party as to the citizens that should be taken by Communists toward religious or toward religious groups?  
"Miss Boyan: Toward religious groups. I can answer that. I was instructed not too long ago, in the hopes of uniting the FBI, when I tried to get back into the party, I was instructed that I would have to join a church youth group, or a church, and become active in its work.  
"Question: You were told, if you came back—  
"Miss Boyan: In order to get back into the party I would have to get into a church group and work within it and try to influence it."

Rev. Joseph S. Novak appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on March 25, 1954. He was born in Lowell, Pa., on October 17, 1903, and was brought to the United States by his parents in June 1904.

In the course of his testimony, Rev. Novak admitted that in 1946 he formally joined the Communist Party. In discussing his associations with the Communist Party and its members, he testified that from 1944, upon his graduation from the Union Theological Seminary, until 1942, he was in charge of a small mission, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, Maryland. He testified that, while not a member of the Communist Party, he held an office in a Communist-front organization, the American League Against War and Fascism, knowing that its leaders were officials in the Communist Party:

"Question: Were you a member of the Communist Party while you were on your assignment in Baltimore?  
"Mr. Novak: No, sir; I was not."

"Question: Although you were not a member of the Communist Party while you were in Baltimore, did you collaborate with functionaries of the Communist Party while you were there—  
"Mr. Novak: I worked together—  
"Question: And worked with the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Novak: I worked together with them; yes.  
"Question: Knowingly?  
"Mr. Novak: As an official of the American League [Against War and Fascism]; yes, and also knowingly. I know that they were officials in the party."

Herbert A. Philbrick was a member of the Communist Party as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Following are excerpts from his testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities on July 28, 1951:

"Question: You have testified that you were active in various youth organizations in your church work. Did you continue to be active in your church work after joining the Young Communist League?  
"Mr. Philbrick: Yes, I did. First of all, of course, I wanted to continue because I wanted to maintain my contacts with some healthy

inded members; and anyone who, up to my great fortune, I was instructed by the party to continue my... and to continue my affiliations in all my normal groups.

"These instructions were also given to... -been in my cell...  
"Question: Who gave you these...  
"Mr. Philbrick: I recall the... of the apartment of Dave Bennett who were given... instructions. I was also given these same instructions by Jimmy Harrison and by Allen Gordon."

"Question: Was Dave Bennett known to you to be a member of the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Philbrick: He was known to me long before I actually became a formal member myself."

"Question: From the instructions which you received from the Communist Party, did it appear, or were you led to believe, that in the field of religious activity the Communist Party was incompatible with any religious belief?  
"Mr. Philbrick: Absolutely. We were taught that the socialist theories of Marx had nothing to do with the idealistic spirit of religious organizations."

Karl Raso, former high-ranking official of the Communist Party, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on March 25, 1954, as follows:

"Question: ... In the performance of the work of the Communist Party through the American League Against War and Fascism, and through the Ethiopian Defense Committee, did you utilize at any time the services of any ministers or any members of the ministry?  
"Mr. Raso: Yes. We had two ministers who were particularly active in the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee. ... Rev. Joseph Novak and Rev. Jack Hitchcock."

"... These two young ministers came there, and they had recently come from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, that they had been students of Harry Ward and indicated that they had some previous contact with the Communist Party and wanted to know in what way they could work."

... they were assigned to churches in Baltimore; that they had previously done some work in conjunction with the Communist Party, in New York and wanted to know in what way they could do cooperative work while in the period they were in Baltimore.  
"Then, in the meantime, I had had discussions with Leonard Patterson about the possibility of their working in the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and at the second meeting with them I suggested they work with the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and they did. They became members of those two organizations and participated."  
"Question: Did they advise you at any time that they were not members of the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Raso: No. There was times when they asked the advisability of joining the Communist Party, which I advised them against, and at one point Dr. Albert Blumberg came and said one minister had talked the possibility of leaving the church, joining the Communist Party. I said, 'This is ridiculous.' ... Dr. Albert Blumberg came to me to discuss the possibility of Reverend Hitchcock joining the Communist Party, and at that time I said I didn't think it was wise and I thought it was rather ridiculous, and so long as I was in Baltimore I would not have accepted membership applications from either of them."

"Question: Why?  
"Mr. Raso: I didn't feel a minister belonged in the Communist Party. ... If a minister were identified as a member of the Communist Party, his use in the Communist Party at that time would have been nil. In my own words, an unemployed minister of the Communist Party has no value."  
"Second, I felt ideologically the training for the ministry inevitably comes in conflict with the ideological training of the Communist, that if they did join they would inevitably come in conflict with it and, therefore, they would be of much more use not being members of the Communist Party than if they were members."

"Question: You mean use to the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Raso: That's right.  
"Question: I gather in your position as a functionary of the Communist Party it was your feeling you could get ministers to a much better use if they were not members of the party than if they became members of the Communist Party?  
"Mr. Raso: That is correct."

Mrs. Anita Bell Schneider, a native of California, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in public hearing in June and July of 1954. She had served 17 months as a contractor operator in the WAVES during 1944 and 1945; attended San Diego State Teachers College in the following few years, receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics; worked for Deputy Sheriff Robert Newman from February 1951 to August 1951, when she became an undercover operative for the FBI. At their request she joined the Communist Party in the summer of 1951. Most of her Communist Party work was done in San Diego, with many-party assignments to be known chairman of the San Diego Party Forum. Other assignments included membership on the county central committee of the Independent Progressive Party; service as secretary of the State Independent Progressive Party Convention in Chicago in 1952; and as secretary of the women's division of the Independent Progressive Party.

In her testimony on June 27, 1954, Mrs. Schneider stated that the Commission, recognizing the universal desire for peace, felt that attaching the word 'peace' to their efforts would aid in getting the use of churches to reach in "we could involve other people and active church people." She further testified that she had been given instructions to take to the ministers of the two churches she attended in an effort to make them more active in the peace movement.

"The Chairman: Mr. Secretary, we appreciate your coming here this morning.

STATEMENT OF EARL SURELY C. SHARP, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS C. HUGHES, JR., DIRECTOR OF LIAISON; MAJOR GENERAL LYONS F. BRUNSON, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL PROCEEDINGS AND TRAINING; MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT F. BURNHAM, AIR PROTEST MANUAL; COLONEL JOHN W. BARR, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE; AND MAJOR THE HONORABLE LIAISON)

Mr. ANNE: Mr. Secretary, would you kindly give us, please, sir, just a word of your own personal background, with particular reference to your work in the military?

Secretary SHARP: Yes, sir, I would be glad to do that.

I was in the Navy during the war, during World War II, a large part of the time as an executive officer and commanding officer of maintenance work units.

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They will not do. In fact, they do not dare to do it.

Consequently, we bear these general denunciations, and Dr. Carl McIntire is coming to speak for the NCC. From the way he has been attacked and dealt with through the years, he should long since have been dropped of, but for some reason, the more he is pummeled upon and attacked, the greater becomes the opportunity given to him to offer evidence to the country.

Canada's story, in the case of the United Free-Internationalists, reveals what we have known for a long time—our country is a National Council spokesman, prominent and defender. He has been the recipient of their favors over a period, and he has reached these young men.

So in this hour, he now comes with his position as religious writer for the UPI and holds up the NCC to the nation as a courageous, fearless organization, willing to suffer because it is standing up for what is right.

Louis Church has presented and defended the National Council of Churches, but to this day he has not presented the substance of the position of the American or International Council of Christian Churches in regard to these issues. He was wrong in the press conference in Washington, D. C., following the meeting with the Secretary of Defense with Dr. Clyde J. Kennedy, president of the ACCO, and Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the IOCC. He was given documentation. The three "scraps," as they are called, full of photographic decisions, were presented to him. He took them away with him, but he did not report any of the substance of the evidence against the National Council and in support of the Air Force Manual.

In sum, in this article to see happen that the statements in the Air Force Manual... without foundation. This is what the NCC wants the country to accept and believe. Thus a UPI correspondent does the job for them.

On the other hand, he believes their line in making it appear that those who have brought such material to the fore in the country are extreme and so each they should not be heard!

The American Council of Christian Churches is not an extreme organization. It stands exactly where all the great churches have stood historically. Its doctrinal statement is a summary of the common doctrines of the evangelical Protestant faith. Again we have reached a day when the way of truth is being evil spoken of.

Mr. Church does not deal with Metropolitan Nicolai and the fact that the general board of the National Council of Churches officially denounced this agent of the Soviet secret police, or that the representatives of the Soviet secret police were received and honored by this agent of the secret police.

The deep involvement of the NCC with the Communists who are the spokesmen for these iron curtain churches, for some reason or other, is not discussed or reported material of this hour. It is to be expected that the NCC would have recovered from the blow. It is simply fantastic for people to believe that the National Council of Churches could have someone on agents of the Soviet secret police and could have brought him into their national board meeting, heard before his behavior, and commended his concern for the communist movement.

We have seen people using this action. We have seen copies of many, many letters that have been sent to Washington. A few

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# METROPOLITAN NICOLAI

Agent In Soviet Secret Police



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## INTRODUCTION

This book consists primarily of photographic reproductions. This is evidence of one of the most tragic developments in American church history.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., claiming to speak for 38 million people, sent an official delegation of churchmen to Moscow in March, 1956, and received a return visit in June, 1956.

The top Russian spokesman with whom the NCC leaders dealt was Metropolitan Nicolai, second ranking clergyman of the Russian Orthodox Church. His tirades against the United States were filthy and his eulogy of Stalin was blasphemous. He headed the delegation that later came to the U.S.A. Stronuous protests were made. Mass meetings were held in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

The country was thoroughly warned. Refugee groups testified that the churches in Russia are Communist-controlled and run by agents of the secret police. The Internal Security Subcommittee of the United States Senate produced testimony that a major general of the secret police was in charge of religion, having been placed there by Stalin. Yet, the National Council persisted. All such warnings were ignored.

Now the testimony - which is not surprising - has been produced identifying Metropolitan Nicolai as an agent of long standing in the Soviet secret police. The Communists not only use the churches in Russia but they actually have used the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Every Christian in the United States should repudiate the National Council of Churches, separate from it, and separate from the denominations that are in it.

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PRELATE. Orthodox Metropolitan Nikolai is agent in secret police.

AMBASSADOR Panyushkin was State Security official while in U.S.

## SOVIET AGENTS IN THE WEST

STATE Security agents are planted in almost all Soviet agencies abroad. Most Soviet consuls and vice consuls are members of the Russian secret police; among other things their job is to prepare dossiers on visa applicants and try to force Russian *émigrés* in their areas to return to the homeland or enlist as spies. Other State Security officers are to be found in Soviet embassies and traveling delegations where they keep an eye on touring Russians.

Since coming to the U.S. Deriabin has amused himself by spotting former colleagues among visiting Russians. When he saw the Moiseyev dancers perform in New York he spotted his old friend Lieut. Colonel Kudriavtsev sharing in the curtain calls as a member of the production staff. In 1957 a Soviet trade delegation to the U.S. included another State Security acquaintance of Deriabin's, Major Sergei Zagorsky. The major, listed as a "construction engineer," had once worked at the unconstructive job of amassing incriminating evidence for the Moscow dossiers of East German officials. A delegation sent to the U.S. in 1956 by the Russian Orthodox Patriarch of Moscow was headed by Metropolitan Nikolai Dorofeyevich Yaryshevich, who is both second-ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church and a State Security agent of long standing whom Deriabin once met in Vienna. During the Brussels Fair Deriabin saw a news picture of a group of visitors at the U.S. exhibit. One of them was a State Security man from his old office in Moscow.

Most Westerners underestimate the brazenness with which the State Security dispatches its agents. While Alexander Panyushkin was ambassador to the U.S. from 1947 to 1952 he was a major general on active duty in the State Security. He later became boss of the foreign intelligence directorate in Moscow.

ONE OF THE STRANGEST

### RED AGENT'S VIVID TALE OF TERROR

A historic defection gives U.S. first full story of secret police



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(Photographed from  
Rochester, N. Y.,  
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icle of June 10,  
1956.)

## Russian Prelate Denies He Worked With Communists

WASHINGTON, June 9 (AP)—Metropolitan Nikolai of the Russian Orthodox Church denied categorically tonight that either he or any other member of the Soviet religious delegation now visiting the United States had ever collaborated with the Communists.

Nikolai also emphatically declared he had never prayed for Stalin.

"It's absurd," he said, "to suggest that an atheist could become a saint."

Nikolai's statement was made in response to charges made by one of the factions of the Russian Orthodox Church in North America, which does not recognize the authority of the Moscow patriarch, that Nikolai had collaborated with communism. The faction also attacked his visit to this country as a guest of the National Council of Churches.

The Soviet prelate along with other members of the eighteen Soviet religious delegation now touring this country visited Mount Vernon this afternoon and prayed at the grave of George Washington. Nikolai wrote in the visitor's book at the national shrine a brief statement: **Glory to America**

"With the feeling of the deepest respect for the memory of President Washington we prayed at his grave and with reverence visited the rooms in which he lived. Glory to the American people."

Nikolai praised the City of Washington and declared his delegation had encountered everywhere it went warm and heartfelt friendliness from American churches and people.

At a news conference this afternoon Nikolai said in answer to a question on relations between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox church that "the Russian Orthodox Church was never nourished feelings of unfriendliness to the Roman Catholic Church."

The Russian prelate, who is the second ranking member of the Russian Orthodox hierarchy in the Soviet Union, however, declined to reply to a question as to whether he had ever attacked the Pope and instead said he preferred not to remember things which were said during a period of strain between countries—"if they were said."

(Photographed from "Letters to the Times," of  
the New York Times of June 9, 1956)

## Metropolitan Nikolai

Cleric Is Charged With Promoting  
Religious Persecution in the Ukraine

The writer of the following letter, author and former Professor of East European History, is editor of *The Ukrainian Quarterly*.

Texas Editor of THE NEW YORK TIMES:

An ecclesiastical delegation headed by Metropolitan Nikolai has arrived in the United States as guests.

It has already been mentioned in the press that Metropolitan Nikolai, de facto Vice Regent of the Moscow Patriarchate, is the real promoter of all its church and political policy. He is the liaison between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Soviet Government, the clergyman most favored by the Kremlin.

Some facts of his activity are less known to the American people. Metropolitan Nikolai is an active promoter of the religious persecutions in Ukraine of the Orthodox adherents as well as the Greek Catholics.

He persecuted the Ukrainian Orthodox Autocephalous Church by trying Metropolitan Polykarp in absentia before the church court in Moscow. He then issued a proclamation which was full of distortions and slanders on the Ukrainian Orthodox who favored autocephaly. This proclamation was a guide for the terroristic action of the M. V. D. against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church when the Red Army in 1944 again started to occupy the Ukraine. Metropolitan Nikolai became expert in Ukrainian church affairs for the Moscow Patriarchate.

**Destruction of Church**

But a totally un-Christian persecution was started in 1945 against the Ukrainian Greek Catholics in the western provinces of the Ukraine, in Galicia and Carpatho-Ukraine, occupied by the Soviets. This church of over four million followers was condemned to destruction by fire and sword. In this barbaric action we see the harmonious cooperation between the Moscow Patriarchate and the Soviet police.

In April, 1945, in one day in Soviet-occupied Galicia were imprisoned all five Ukrainian Catholic hierarchs. Simultaneously a group

of three renegade clergy was ordered to liquidate the Ukrainian Catholic Church and bring it under the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate in Moscow.

In May, 1945, the Moscow Patriarch issued a proclamation to all Catholic Ukrainians of this part of the country to abandon the Catholic Church and join the Russian Orthodox. The appeal was entirely without results because here the Catholic Church was closely connected with the entire national life.

**Denunciation of Dissidents**

When the Patriarch's voice sounded in the wilderness the Soviet Government came to his assistance, spite of the separation between church and state. The Kievan Interior Department under the signature of one Khodchanka in June, 1945 issued an official decision approving the committee of three renegade priests as the church authority Ukrainian Catholics in Galicia, mandating registration of all the dissidents and their denunciation to M. V. D.

In June, 1945, in the St. Geo Cathedral in Lvov, the sanctuary of the Greek Catholic Ukrainians meeting of over three hundred priests was held. Quoting the St. constitutions on the freedom of religion and of the separation church and state, they composed memorandum to the Moscow Government asking the release of imprisoned bishops. All 300 prisoners were arrested.

The treatment in the prison Metropolitan Joseph Slippy, the male and prominent scholar, most brutal.

The Moscow Patriarchate's removal of the Catholic hierarchy from Western Ukraine with the aid of the M. V. D. called a mock trial. St. George Cathedral in Lvov composed of 304 priests and laymen assembled with the support of Soviet authorities. They claimed the separation of Ukrainian Catholic Church from Rome and dependency from Moscow. The synod was ignored by the Ukrainians of Galicia, whose church went underground. Hundreds of priests and thousands of the faithful were deported to the concentration camps as martyrs for the

NICHOLAS D. CASH  
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METROPOLITAN NICOLAI'S TIRADE AGAINST THE U.S.A. AS REPORTED IN

JOURNAL OF THE MOSCOW PATRIARCHATE

(Translated into English)

Metropolitan Nicolai is chairman of the delegation of nine churchmen visiting the United States, June, 1954, under the auspices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Nicolai is the founder, leader, and chief promoter of the Communist World Peace Council. He is in charge of foreign affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church and works directly under Georgi Karpov, major general of the Secret Police in charge of religion in Russia.

A lengthy extract (italics added) from an address which he made at the First Session of the World Council of Peace in Berlin, February 23, 1951, follows:

Dear friends of peace!

With agitation and with passion we speak here of the remilitarization of Germany and Japan, as well as of other questions on our agenda. . . .

Why is it not possible to speak of the remilitarization of Germany and Japan in quiet words? Because these actions of the kindlers of a new military conflagration bear witness to the aggressive war in preparation. For not one of the peoples thinks of attacks upon Western Germany, upon Western Europe. Therefore, remilitarization—is war, is aggression. . . .

The simple people of the whole world thirst for a quiet life and peaceful toil. Here are the pictures appearing before our eyes. . . .

And how does the bunch of insane men, pushing the world towards a new martial catastrophe, see the near future? And what do these people live by now?

Unions and blocs, diplomatic slyness and secret agreements, miserable sops and military maneuvers. The curtailing of peacetime manufacture and the vast accumulation of military stores. Constantly increasing costs of living and the too heavy load of taxes. A golden stream for the insignificant minority and penury for the masses, material impoverishment and moral savagery. Scoffing beyond all bounds at human worth. Fear and hatred.

And what a monstrous incandescence of hatred! They breathe only hatred, feed only on hatred, only hatred is regurgitated by the transoceanic lords. Hatred not only towards those who consider their mongrel "philosophy" an achievement of the past, but also toward those of "their own" who have merely dared to raise the timid voice of objection. The ceaseless police-cry at "ungrateful" Europe. Threats in the direction of the countries of the Peoples Democracy. And a completely frenzied, ferocious, boiling fury towards the peoples of the Soviet Union.

The great blasphemy, from the Christian point of view, is the fact that these people call themselves Christians. It does not fit into the bounds of reason and of conscience, how all these Trumans, Achesons and Dulles, returning home from their offices, where they have just been bending over the maps of future devastation and murder, put on black frock coats and in the circle of their families read the Bible!

One of the proposed forms of that warfare, which the world criminals are devising against free peoples, they grandly call a "preventive," a precautionary war. In actual fact this formulation simply expands into: "I suspect that you want to attack me, and therefore I attack you first."

This is worse than robbery on the open road. There, the victim, even poorly armed and if not just losing his head, can show opposition to the robber. While here the most base, the lowest form of attack is being prepared—from around the corner, the knife in the back.

Of what war are these people dreaming?

The last world war is before the eyes of all of us. All of us remember the horrors of fascism. . . .

. . . Together with all of the peace-loving humanity of the whole world the German people desire peace and defend it. They protest, together with all the simple and honest people of the whole world, against the remilitarization of Western Europe, being forcibly pressed upon it by American "benefactors," under whose heel the people of this Western Germany, as a representative from there has just clearly stated, fight for the liberty and unity, the indivisibility of their fatherland.

The German people itself damns fascism and nazism and with pain in its heart remembers the horrors of fascism in the last war.

But what? Only five years have gone by, and all humanity has become a witness of the repetition of that nightmare in the American aggression in Korea! It appears that, becoming aggressors, the gentlemen from the imperialistic camp repeat the evil deeds of their former enemies and even transcend them in many ways. Fanatic crimes, it appears—are not only the fruit of fascism and nazism, but they are the natural attributes of the imperialistic clique!

*Hitler and his servants might well have envied General MacArthur and his fellow-champions in the Korean aggression.*

Apparently, the bestial aspect of imperialism can change only in one direction—become still more ferocious, dreadful, merciless. Improving techniques only pass in the hands of the executioners instruments of more refined torture and death.

. . . If the dreadful happens, if on the scene of life there again bursts forth the beast of war—more than one woman in torment will clutch to her breast the headless corpse of her child. . . .

Do we not already see this in Korea? . . .

We all know how on June 25, 1950, the hordes of the Korean American marionette—*Li Sun Man*, villainously fell upon the Peoples-Democratic Korean Republic, at the direction of their American masters. The painstaking elaboration of this, horrible in its baseness, act, is known.

It is known how the freedom-loving Korean people answered the bloody attack in one outburst. It is known how President Truman gave the order to the American armed forces in the Far East to come to the aid of his true ally—*Li Sun Man*.

It is known by what methods the United States of America influenced and [what methods it] uses to put through the UN resolutions it desires.

The demagogic wails of American propagandists are known, with which they try to cover up the bestial grin of imperialism revealed to the whole world.

The march of military actions on the fronts of this long-suffering land is known. The boundless courage and heroism, with which an ancient people defends its independence and life before the hordes of contemporary savages, is known. What sympathy and condolence are called forth by the sufferings of the Korean people from all freedom-loving humanity, are known.

And there is also known one circumstance of the Korean events, and it is to this circumstance that I want to draw your attention. I have in mind the conduct of the war in Korea by the American aggressors.

When we turn to the official statements of the governmental workers of the Korean Peoples-Democratic Republic; when we listen to the evidence of war correspondents, journalists, up to now not known for the progressiveness of their opinions; when living people speak,

who by some miracle have survived after the retreat of the army of occupation, or those who managed to escape from the leprous regions of the "new Americanized order"—we feel that which no document can transmit: we feel that depth of boundless, unmanageable grief into which modernized American monsters have plunged a noble people with its ancient culture.

And so we become convinced that the spirit and substance of fascism have not disappeared, that the delirious dreams of the fanatic Hitler have found their continuers, now trying to realize them.

*Their followers do not lag behind their teachers.*

*From the first day of the lawless aggression the American neo-fascists began a systematic cannibalistic destruction of the "lower" Korean race.*

*What do we see?*

Cynically violated standards not only of international rights, but of human morals. Executions without trial and inquisitions, secret and public. Dreadful tortures of victims: the cutting off of ears and noses, breasts, putting out of eyes, the breaking of arms and legs, the crucifixion of patriots, the burial alive in communal graves of women with children at their breasts, etc. The rebirth of the customs of savages—the scalping of Korean patriots for "souvenirs."

For the purpose of annihilating the population, the American criminals first of all systematically killed the political prisoners (from 200,000 to 400,000 persons), forcing them first to dig their own graves; they threw the bodies of patriots [who had been] hung, shot or who died from typhus into a precipice and, to conceal the traces, blow up a cliff above it.

The barbaric bombings of peaceful cities and centers of population were directed exclusively toward the annihilation of the civil population.

In the committees of inquiry of the American troops we see the reborn "techniques" of Himmler, inhuman tortures of Korean patriots; hanging by the hands, binding [them] behind the back, which is impudently called "aero-plane"; welding handcuffs on the hands behind the back for 2-3 months; torture by electricity, including the electric bed, on which death follows the transmission of a strong current; a wet leather jacket which crushes the breast of the victim on drying; placing those ill of an epidemic sickness in cells filled to overflowing with prisoners.

These civilized savages arranged shooting matches with living targets, binding peasants to posts with barbed wire and shooting each of them over the heart of the target. Reviving the customs of the young-fascists, young-yankies photographed these scenes for their family albums and sent them home to their fiancés and wives.

These representatives of the "higher" race practiced and practice mass rape of the women and young girls of Korea, rounding them up from surrounding towns, making them drunk on gin and raping them. Not limited to outrages, the miserable victims were driven, in places, into tunnels, shot by machine-guns and buried under the debris of blown up cliffs.

Often one can see on the roads of Korea the still warm corpse of a mother and a crying child at her breast. Cases are known when children, born in prison, were trampled by the soldiers' boots in front of the mother, and then the mother was killed.

On retreating this "tower of culture" destroyed or drove off with it all living things on the evacuated lands.

On attacking, their fury was also vented first of all on the peaceful people.

Thus, on landing on September 15 in the Bay of Inchon everything breathing in the region was annihilated by the insane forty-eight hour fire. Upon attacking Seoul in September of 1950 the same tactics of general

destruction were continued.

In September of 1950, the French journalist Charles Farvel visited the camp of death, located in the "valley of horror" in Southern Korea. More than 300,000 Koreans are doomed to death in that camp. At that time there were 10 such camps. The camps are surrounded by barbed wire, along which run high voltage electric currents. The people live on the ground, they have neither clothing nor shoes. They are not fed, they eat grass and the bark of trees and bushes. American scientists and doctors, under the guise of giving medical assistance, test the newest vaccines and chemical preparations on the prisoners. Every night there are executions in the ravines surrounding the camps. To be destroyed in the first order are the intelligentsia of the Korean people: doctors, teachers, engineers, technicians, agriculturists.

"I accuse!"—declared the Korean artist [a woman] Zoe Sin Heo—"The blood of thousands of infants, destroyed by the Americans, the tens of thousands tortured in the camps of death, the hundreds of thousands killed at the front, call for justice. The American military criminals must be severely punished for their evil deeds. I accuse them. I believe that the hour of retribution will soon arrive."

In retreating in January of 1951, the occupation forcibly chased more than two million peaceful inhabitants to the south of Korea, who died in thousands on the road and the roadside ditches from hunger and cold, from the bullets of the aggressors.

Those of the peaceful population of Northern Korea who remained alive or were dispersed among the camps expected hunger and epidemics. Even the notorious "UN Commission on the Unification and Reestablishment of Korea" in its letter to the UN of February 1, 1951, notes that 3,628 Koreans have been left without a roof in penny.

The Korean children are everywhere subject to the fury of the occupation. Everywhere, where the foot of the intervenors has stepped—in the province of Southern Pannyan, Northern Kengte, Southern Kengte, Kan-ko, Chang-Bong—the American bandits have destroyed the children.

And again one cannot dismiss the thought that the ideologists guiding the dreadful events in Korea consider themselves to be Christians, and not only Christian, but even leaders of Christian organizations! They know the Bible and often state so in the hearing of all!

And reason refuses to give an explanation of this nightmare, and the heart does not cease to tremble from feelings of holy hatred toward the cannibals, and the conscience of all simple people cries out against the evil deeds of the American aggressor!

Waves of protest and indignation against the American aggression in Korea and the evil deeds of the occupation; against the attempts to loosen a new world war by means of blocs, pacts, the remilitarization of Germany and Japan; against the exploitation of the UN by the United States of America as a weapon of aggression—roll over the entire world. This indignation against the rulers who have lost their reason and will, dragging people towards the precipice, can be heard in numberless petitions, sent to parliaments and ministries. It is heard in the appearances of women and young people, going on in all the countries of the world. Protest and indignation is expressed by the many-thousand-strong crowds gathering in town squares of Europe and demanding that the overseas world bandits and world colonizers in dress-coats and generals' tunics return home. . . .

And our holy duty, dear friends, is to tighten our ranks in the fight for peace, for the cessation of the bloody aggression in Korea, in the fight against the remilitarization of Western Germany and Japan, as a step towards a new war, against weapons for the mass annihilation of people, for the progressive curtailing of armament.

## AMERICA WAS DULY WARNED

(Below is photographic reproduction of story in New York Times of June 2, 1956)

### 8 SOVIET CLERICS EN ROUTE TO U. S.

Moscow Metropolitan Heads  
Group Returning the Visit  
of Americans in March

Special to The New York Times.  
MOSCOW, June 1.—Metropolitan Nikolai left by plane today as leader of an eight-man church delegation to visit the United States for eleven days. Metropolitan Nikolai is head of the Moscow Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church and also is Primate of the Ukraine.

The group is returning a visit to Moscow last March by a delegation of the National Council of Churches of Christ. It includes three clerics of the Russian Orthodox Church, two of the Evangelical Lutheran, two of the Baptist and one of the Armenian.

(The plane is due to land at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, at 9 A. M. Saturday.)

The 64-year-old Metropolitan is Deputy Patriarch (second ranking Primate) of his church. He is not a formal envoy of his Government, but is rather an envoy of his church and holds the title of Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Patriarchy. In this capacity he has made many journeys abroad since World War II.

In an interview before his departure he said discussions that began here with the American clergymen would be continued in the United States. He outlined the topics as the contribution churches could make toward peace, the relationship between science and religion and the freedom of churches to fulfill their mission.

Widely Traveled Since War  
"We go to the United States with great interest and a feeling of fraternal love, because this trip will contribute to the strengthening of religion and peace," he declared.

Since 1945 he has journeyed to Iran and other countries of

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Peter Deriabin, a former officer of the Soviet security police, who has been living in the United States for five years in secret, recently gave testimony to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which was released to the public on March 17, 1959. A portion of his testimony is photographed below.

### THE KREMLIN'S ESPIONAGE AND TERROR ORGANIZATIONS

Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin, Former Officer of the U.S.S.R.'s  
Committee of State Security (KGB)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
Washington, D.C.

The committee met in executive session, pursuant to call, in room 226, House Office Building, Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee member present: Representative Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania.

Staff member present: Richard Arens, staff director.

The CHAIRMAN. May we come to order.

Will you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear the testimony you are about to give in the matter now pending will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? Mr. DERIABIN. Yes, I do.

#### TESTIMONY OF PETR S. DERIABIN, A FORMER OFFICER OF THE SOVIET COMMITTEE OF STATE SECURITY

The CHAIRMAN. May the record today reflect that the witness who is about to testify has been the subject of careful, thorough checking by the Committee on Un-American Activities with appropriate security agencies of the Government of the United States, and found to be thoroughly reliable, trustworthy, and in all respects bona fide with respect to his background and the experiences which he shall now relate for the first time for public revelation.

Before proceeding, I might say that, moreover, it is the information of this committee from unimpeachable intelligence sources in this Government that, over the course of the last 5 years, the witness who is about to testify has rendered to the Government of the United States, via intelligence and other appropriate agencies of the Government, invaluable services.

Now, Mr. Arens, you may proceed.

Mr. ARENS. Kindly state your full name.

Mr. DERIABIN. My name is Petr Sergeyevich Deriabin.

Mr. ARENS. Where and when were you born?

Mr. DERIABIN. I was born in the U.S.S.R. in Siberia, a small village named Lokot, in 1921—February 21, 1921.

Mr. ARENS. Now, would you kindly give us just a brief word about your early life prior to the time that you reached adulthood?



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8 THE KREMLIN'S ESPIONAGE AND TERROR ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. ARENA. After your assignment with the Okhrana, you said you were transferred to the foreign section of the MGB, which I understand is now the KGB. Can you tell us something about its size, responsibilities, and methods?

Mr. DERJABIN. I would say the size of the foreign section of the Soviet civilian intelligence is about 3,000 officers in headquarters in Moscow and about 15,000 officers around the world, working as representatives of the Soviet Government abroad. The foreign section of the Soviet civilian intelligence service is responsible for espionage and counterespionage abroad; also for surveilling Soviet and satellite citizens who travel abroad; and is responsible for carrying out occasional assassinations, kidnaping, blackmail, and similar activities.

Mr. ARENA. What are the methods used by the MGB?

Mr. DERJABIN. Soviet intelligence most of the time is using methods like blackmail, bribery, and they include prisoners of war who spend some time inside the Soviet Union. They are using immigrants. Sometimes they send as immigrants to another country their own citizens to make some kind of spy network. Actually, they are working in two ways. They use legal channels and illegal channels and foreign missions and exchange groups, too.

For instance, when the Soviet delegation is going abroad, it always includes some intelligence or counterintelligence officers.

For instance, in 1957 there was a Soviet delegation, a construction delegation in the United States, which includes one Soviet intelligence officer whose name is Major Zagorsky, who was a member of that Soviet delegation. When the Moiseyev dancers were here, Lieutenant Colonel Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Kudriavtsev was a member of the Moiseyev dancers who is working for Soviet intelligence for many years, and he is a colonel. Both of them were working with me in Moscow while I was there.

Another example was in 1956, when the Soviet religious delegation was here, the Soviet Orthodox Church. The chief of that was Archbishop Nikolai. He is not a member of KGB, but he is an agent of KGB since World War II, who gives information to KGB. KGB is taking him and he is giving information. He is actually an agent.

Mr. ARENA. To what extent does the MGB, now the KGB, employ or exploit what we would generally call low-level informers within a country in which they are operating?

Mr. DERJABIN. Well, of course, Soviet intelligence is using all kinds of persons if it is possible to recruit them, on any level—the low level, the middle level, the high level.

Mr. ARENA. What information can you tell us on this record respecting Col. Rudolf Abel?

Mr. DERJABIN. Well, as far as I know, he had in his apartment a radio and other technical equipment, and he was working under deep, deep cover. I would say he was doing spy work, was going to take some kind of scientific information from the United States.

Mr. ARENA. Now, may I ask you a pointed question respecting defectors: To what extent does the KGB use phony defectors in hopes that they would gain the confidence of authorities of free countries?

Mr. DERJABIN. They use them very often because it is very hard now for Soviets to put their own agents inside the United States or

<sup>1</sup> Committee of State Security, so named in March 1954 when the MVD lost a number of its former functions. The KGB now has charge of both internal security and foreign espionage for the Soviet Union.

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the Middle East and has visited Britain, France, Austria, Sweden and Finland with stops in countries in Central Europe.

A trip to India is pending, although a date has not yet been set. The Metropolitan emphasized, however, the particular importance of his trip to the United States, declaring:

"The ordinary people of the Soviet Union are friendly to the people of the United States and we are glad of the opportunity to tell them that."

The Metropolitan is an alert, articulate man with clear blue eyes that look placidly at an interviewer as he absorbs what is said before he responds.

In a most matter-of-fact way, he comments briefly, by request, on developments in the church since the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

Separation is Strained

"It is a complicated story," he relates. "There was some confusion in the beginning of January, 1918, when the church was separated from the state. Representatives of the church considered it negative. Later on it was realized that this was a positive act."

"For many centuries the church was connected with the state. It was difficult for people to realize how positive an act separation could be. Now relations between church and state are normal, friendly and loyal."

Have there been any significant changes since the decree of the Central Committee, emanated by the Soviet party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev in 1954, calling for cessation of molestations of persons with religious feelings?

"Of course, it put an end to abnormal manifestations of an anti-religious character," Metropolitan Nikolai replied.

What about the future of the church? If the Government preaches atheism and controls the schools, what does that portend for the church?

"The church is not limited in religious work, and that is what we are not afraid of our future," the Metropolitan replied, continuing:

"Our theological schools and seminaries are filled even when seminaries were closed, people attended courses and received religious education in the homes of clergymen. Now the seminaries are reopened and we do not need any more seminaries. We need any, we could have them."

If parents in the coming generations are nonbelievers, what will that mean for religious influence over children?

"Parents' influence is only part of the story," the Metropolitan said. "The church is the main factor and the church is open for all people. There are many students at the theological academy who came from homes where the parents are non-believers."

It was recalled that when the American clergymen were here, one of them brought to Metropolitan Nikolai's signing of a

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statement protesting alleged United States bacteriological warfare in Korea.

"We made an agreement," said Metropolitan Nikolai with a smile, "that we will not remember the past and that we will speak only about the future."

#### Whitewash Trip Is Planned

The National Council of Churches in Christ in the U. S. A. plans to give the visitors a whitewash look at American life, both secular and religious.

The Russians will be the guests of the Council and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, its president, will be their official host.

The Soviet group will visit several American religious institutions, including the Yale School of Divinity.

The group will go to Toledo, Ohio, to attend a meeting of the general board of the National Council. The visitors will also tour the Ohio countryside by automobile, seeing typical Midwestern communities at Massillon, field,erville and Wooster; they will be entertained at the homes of church members in small towns.

Sight-seeing trips will include the nation's capital and Independence Hall. The group will leave by plane for Moscow on Wednesday, June 12.

The Russian Orthodox church has been split in the United States for a number of years. One group adheres to the Moscow patriarchy. Two other groups are vigorously opposed to Moscow.

Attacks on the visit have centered generally upon Metropolitan Nikolai and have singled out statements he has made in the past in support of various Soviet "peace" propaganda drives.

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Voice Of The People:

## Red Clergy

#### To The Post-Intelligencer

To the refugees from behind the Iron Curtain, the Russian clergymen's visit here is a tremendous shock. Almost an hour (the night of the 14th of June) 15 years ago we witnessed the beginning of mass deportations and destruction of the churches in Estonia after the country was occupied by the Soviet Union. The aim of the communists is the isolation of religion and religious groups and institutions from any nation's life.

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### TESTIMONY UNDER OATH OF YURI RASTVOROV

Yuri Rastvorov, former Soviet MVD (secret police) agent, testified to the Communists' use of the churches before the United States Senate's Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Laws, April 12, 1956. A part of this testimony, photographically reproduced from the Subcommittee's printed report entitled, "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States," Part II, follows.

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Rastvorov, could you tell us who Maj. Gen. G. G. Karpov is?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Major General Karpov, he was the head of the so-called religion section in MVD Headquarters. Simultaneously, he occupied the post of chairman of religion committee of Council of Ministers of U. S. S. R.

Mr. MORRIS. Would you repeat that?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Chairman of the religion committee.

Mr. MORRIS. Religion committee?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Of Council of Ministers of U. S. S. R.

Mr. MORRIS. Council of Ministers of the U. S. S. R.?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. Now, what was his rank? In what service was he working?

Mr. RASTVOROV. He was appointed as chairman of the religion committee in, I think, 1943.

Mr. MORRIS. 1943.

Mr. RASTVOROV. During the war.

Mr. MORRIS. Was he working for the military police, or Soviet Security Police?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes. Not military; just MVD.

Mr. MORRIS. MVD. That is the security police?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes; so-called counterintelligence directorate, MVD.

Mr. MORRIS. Counterintelligence?

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Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. Now, was he given this post as chairman of the religious committee in connection with his service in the NKVD?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. All right.

Now, would you describe the function of that particular role that he was performing?

Mr. RASTVOROV. As you know, the church in the Soviet Union is not independent, as, at the present time, the Soviet Union Government is trying to prove. It is completely dependent on the state, and the state conducts all activities of the church in the Soviet Union.

Moreover, they not only conduct activities of the Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union, penetrated by MVD agents—

Mr. MORRIS. You say it is penetrated by MVD agents?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes. It is, I think, worthwhile to stress that at the end of the second war, when—

Mr. MORRIS. World War II?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes, the second war. [Continuing]. When the Government permitted the Orthodox Church to operate more freely, the church organized seminaries, I think 1 or 2, and a couple of people—not a couple, but many people—from MVD headquarters were sent to the seminaries as students.

Mr. MORRIS. Were they sent as students or sent to superintend the students?

Mr. RASTVOROV. No. They sent officers, counterintelligence officers, to these seminaries, and later they became bishops in many churches in the Soviet Union.

Mr. MORRIS. In other words, they were sent as seminarians?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. And actually, they were members of the Soviet Security Police?

Mr. RASTVOROV. They were members; they were officers of MVD, pure counterintelligence officers in MVD.

Mr. MORRIS. And you say later on they became bishops?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.  
 Mr. MORRIS. Now, before getting into that, I would like to ask you particular questions about that. Could you describe Major General Karpov's role? You said he was chairman of the religious committee?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.  
 Mr. MORRIS. Could you tell us what the function of that particular committee was, particularly the role of the chairman?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Well, they handle the church affairs in the Soviet Union, in other words. As I explained before—  
 Mr. MORRIS. Is he in charge of church affairs?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes; in the church, the so-called liaison, you know, the office between church and government, but practically they keep the church under complete control, and he is the chairman of this religious committee, simultaneously, because, practically speaking, the MVD conducts all activities, you know, against church.  
 Mr. MORRIS. And in that position, is he able to exert an opinion on the Russian Church?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Pardon me?

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Mr. MORRIS. In that position, is he able to exert an influence over the Russian Church?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Oh, yes; of course.  
 Mr. MORRIS. Would you explain that, please?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Well, I don't know how to explain to you, but the church depended on the Government of the Soviet Union. And I just don't know what to add to this.  
 (The following material was later received for the record as Exhibit No. 226 and ordered into the record at this point.)

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(Excerpt from Empire of Fear by Vladimir and Evdokia Petrov, pp. 97, 98)

The overriding need for national unity in those desperate and critical days induced Stalin to bid for the positive support of even the religious leaders. With serious and characteristic cynicism he arranged a conference in the Kremlin, to which he invited the robed and bearded patriarchs and all the important dignitaries of the Russian Orthodox Church. At the conference there was also a certain Karpov. Now Karpov was a permanent career officer of the NKVD, who, over a long period, had made an assiduous and exhaustive study of Russian Orthodox ceremonies, ordinances, and theological teaching, and was able to converse earnestly and learnedly with the church dignitaries on their own ground. At this conference Stalin suggested that the character and erudition of Karpov made him an ideal man to represent the church on the Soviet Council of Ministers. His suggestion was applauded, and Karpov was appointed.  
 I have seen Karpov. In 1961 he was Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs and may still hold that office. His NKVD training would be a valuable preparation for the post. After all, Stalin studied in a theological seminary.

Mr. MORRIS. Now, did you personally, in your own experience as an NKVD officer, have any—were you ever assigned to do any work in infiltrating the Russian church?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes; when I was in Japan the first time in 1946.  
 Mr. MORRIS. Would you tell us about it, and at this point, confine your testimony to your own personal experience in that particular episode?

Mr. RASTVOROV. In 1946, the Soviet Government, through the MVD channels, tried to subordinate the group of Orthodox worshippers in Tokyo, which consists of White Russians and emigres. And for this purpose, the chief of the intelligence group—

Mr. MORRIS. Would you repeat that, please? You say in Tokyo, in 1946, the leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church in Japan were Russian emigres?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.  
 Mr. MORRIS. All right.  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. And after the death of Bishop Sergei, Nikolai Ono—  
 Mr. MORRIS. Will you spell that, please?  
 Mr. RASTVOROV. Nikolai Ono.  
 Mr. MORRIS. O-n-o?

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Although the Soviet Constitution theoretically guarantees freedom of conscience, attacks against church and religion started immediately after the occupation of the country. Their materialistic, atheistic philosophy proclaimed that religion was the arch-enemy of communism.

Ministers, members of church boards and their families were first to be arrested and deported. The free Estonians all over the world hold memorial services this week to commemorate the innocent victims of communist persecution. It is a pity that at the exact hour the American Baptists furnish a platform for Soviet propaganda about freedom of worship. The refugees from behind the Iron Curtain know that the Russian clergymen cannot tell the truth about conditions in the Soviet Union and occupied countries because if they did they would be liquidated after their return to Soviet Union. But it is regrettable that a worthy body of Christian people, such as the American Baptist Convention, will act as a sounding board for communist lies.

We need not go to war to help the people behind the Iron Curtain, but we can refrain from giving moral support to their oppressors. We must "for" this reason stop building up the respectability of gangster governments in the eyes of the world. For by fraternizing with their envoys and missions, we enhance the Soviet government's prestige and discourage the people behind the Iron Curtain who look to us for moral support. To accept "peaceful co-existence"—the slogan of Soviet imperialists—is to betray our heritage.

RULEV MIKELSON,  
 Chairman, Estonian Society  
 in Seattle.

(Photographed from the Philadelphia Inquirer of May 19, 1956)

## Soviet Christian Will Visit Phila

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carr Shaks, of this city, president of National Council of Churches, announced yesterday that the Christian leaders in the Soviet Union who are scheduled to visit United States next month, guests of the National Council of Churches would visit Philadelphia on June 8.

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Mr. RASTVOROV. O-o-o.

Mr. MORRIS. O-o-o?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes; was appointed chief of Orthodox Church in Japan.

Mr. MORRIS. Now, who appointed him?

† Vladimir Pavlov was resident agent of NKVD in Sydney, Australia, under cover of third secretary of the Soviet Embassy, and he was with me a cypher clerk when they defected, April 2, 1944, and asked political asylum from the Australian Government.

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While in this city, the nine-man group, which is returning a March visit to Russia by a group of American clergymen headed by Dr. Blaha, will hold discussions with theologians and professors representing several Protestant seminaries and theological schools.

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In addition, the visitors will visit historic sites and several churches in this city. They will be entertained here by Dr. Blaha, who also is stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., chief administrative officer of the 2,700,000-member church.

The visitors will include two additional members of the original group—Archbishop Gustav Turg of Latvia and Prof. AVSTREBILSKICH Garvian, a member of the supreme spiritual council of the Armenian Orthodox Church.

#### ITINERARY OUTLINED

Dr. Blaha said the deputation will leave Moscow by air June 1 and arrive in New York the following day. Included in their itinerary, designed to give them a close-up view of the life and work of American churches in city, town and village, will be visits in New York, Greenwich and New Haven, Conn.; Corning, N. Y.; Toledo, O.; Wooster College, Wooster, O.; Philadelphia, and Washington. They are scheduled to return to Russia by plane from New York on June 12.

In the group will be Metropolitan Nikolai, chairman; Archbishop Konstantine Ruzhitsky; Archpriest Michael Slavitsky and Prof. Vladimir Tshin, all Russian Orthodox; Archbishop Jan Kivrit of Estonia and Archbishop Turg of Latvia, Lutheran; Prof. Garvian, Armenian Orthodox, and the Rev. Alexei Andreev and the Rev. Alexei Karpov, Evangelical Christian Baptist.

#### SO GROUP ARRIVES

Meanwhile, another group of five leaders of the Russian Baptist Church arrived in New York yesterday for a month-long visit in this country. They will not visit Philadelphia.

The Baptist churchmen are returning a visit of four Baptist ministers to Moscow last August. Among these were the Rev. Dr. V. Orlov, Karpov, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Corning, N. Y.

Among the Baptist visitors were the Rev. Jakob Khilkev, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists; Nikolai Levinenko, vice president of the council; Alexander Karov, general secretary; Ilya Ivanov, treasurer, and Klavdia Tyrtova, a worker in the Baptist Church of Moscow.

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Mr. RASTVOROV. Well, it was the wishes of the orthodox worshippers of the church.

Mr. MORRIS. In Japan?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. All right. They appointed him to be head of the Orthodox Church in Japan, that is, Ono?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

And at that time, the Government of the Soviet Union, using church for propaganda purposes and for intelligence purposes, did their best to send to Japan, from Moscow patriarchy, two Soviet priests as the head of this Orthodox Church in Japan.

Mr. MORRIS. In other words, you say, Soviet leaders in Moscow—

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. And this you know from your own knowledge?

Mr. RASTVOROV. Yes.

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer for the record an article that was written by Georgi Gregorivich Karpov, who was described as chairman of the council for the affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church, which appeared in the Daily Worker in New York, April 3, 1949, under the title, "The Truth About Religion in the Soviet Union."

I think that would be appropriate at this point in the record.

Chairman EASTLAND. It will be admitted.

(The article referred to was marked "Exhibit No. 227" and reads as follows:)

#### EXHIBIT No. 227

(Daily Worker Magazine, p. 2, April 3, 1949)

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT RELIGION IN THE SOVIET UNION

By G. Karpov, chairman of the council for the affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church

Since its establishment, the Soviet Union has been the victim of calumny and slander. Most vicious of all are the lies about the persecution of the church and the prohibition of religious worship. Here are the facts of the matter.

Moscow.—Along with the other civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the U. S. S. R., the full freedom of religious worship is enjoyed by the people of the U. S. S. R.

The attitude of the socialist state toward religion and the church is clearly expressed in article 124 of the constitution: "In order to insure to citizens freedom of conscience, the church in the U. S. S. R. is separated from the state, and the school from the church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens.

In defining its attitude toward the church, the main concern of the Soviet Government has been to insure full freedom of conscience.

That freedom of conscience does exist in the U. S. S. R. is best demonstrated by the fact that the church is separated from the state, by the fact that this separation is complete—not as in some capitalist countries which boast of laws providing for freedom of conscience and religious worship, but in which religion actually serve as a weapon of class and national oppression, countries in which religious organizations are employed to further the policy of "the great ones of the earth."

#### NO FREEDOM UNDER GRAMSC

In czarist Russia—prior to the October Socialist revolution of 1917—there existed no freedom of conscience and no freedom of religious worship, despite the Government manifesto of April 17, 1905, on strengthening the principles of religious tolerance. The orthodox creed enjoyed a position of predominance. The Orthodox Church, as represented by the holy governing synod and its head, the procurator of the synod, was part and parcel of the government machinery. All other creeds were merely tolerated. They were kept under surveillance by the

Department for Ecclesiastical Affairs of Foreign Creeds, which was under the direction of the Ministry of the Interior. Conversion from one religion to another—except conversion to the orthodox religion—was made extremely difficult.

The tsarist autocracy had powerful support in the pulpit, in the church school, and in the church censorship, all of which preached humiliation and obedience to the powers that be.

Atheists were subjected to special persecutions.

The progressive section of the population regarded the situation as highly deplorable and strove for the establishment of freedom of conscience and the separation of church from state.

As a matter of fact, the position the Orthodox Church held in the state was prejudicial to the church itself as a religious organization. The most frightened and progressive among its leaders were of the opinion that it would be better for the church itself to be free from dependence on the state, free from the latter's control.

With the establishment of the Soviet system in Russia, the existence of a state church came to an end, and real freedom of conscience and genuine religious tolerance were introduced.

On January 23, 1918, the decree on the separation of the church from the state and the school from the church was promulgated. It was signed by V. I. Lenin.

Under that decree, church property, such as real estate, and enterprises which were operated for profit, were nationalized. Church buildings and objects especially intended for religious service, however, were turned over to the religious congregations or associations, for permanent use free of charge. The registration of births, marriages, and deaths ceased to be a church function. Citizens were accorded the right to profess any religion or none at all.

The separation of the church from the state was accepted by church members as a positive development, because it relieved the church of secular state functions which are out of keeping with its character.

In his preface to the book, *The Truth About Religion in Russia*, published by the Moscow patriarchate in 1942, Metropolitan Bergius wrote:

"The Soviet Government's decree on freedom of conscience and freedom of religious creeds has removed a burden which the church bore for many years, has relieved it from outside tutelage. This has been of immense usefulness in the internal life of the church. The decree accords freedom, and guarantees the inviolability of this freedom, to all religious associations. It is a great boon for our Orthodox Church that it is no longer dominating, and in this respect no longer restricts the religious conscience of other creeds as it did when it served as a lever of the autocratic power."

Irrespective of religious views, every citizen in the Soviet Union is guaranteed the enjoyment of all civil rights.

State-owned printing shops print both church books for religious associations, and books of an antireligious character. Likewise, paper is provided from the state warehouses both for the former and for the latter. Under the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. (art. 135) the clergy enjoys electoral rights on the same footing as all other citizens of the Soviet Union.

The laws of the Soviet Union and the established rules of the Socialist community preclude any infringement of rights or any persecution on account of religious beliefs. The laws of the Soviet Union likewise preclude anything that might offend the religious feelings of believers. The concrete manifestation of freedom of religion in the U. S. S. R. is to be found in the fact that there is no interference whatsoever with the practice of religious rites and customs.

Freedom of conscience, and hence, freedom of religion, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the U. S. S. R., has done away not only with national but also with religious strife among the numerous peoples of the Soviet Union. It has strengthened their friendship, their moral and political unity.

While guaranteeing the freedom of religious worship, the Constitution of the U. S. S. R. also recognizes the freedom of antireligious propaganda.

In 1927, during the interview Stalin gave the first American labor delegation to visit the U. S. S. R., he declared:

"Under the laws of our country every citizen has the right to profess any religion. This is a matter for the conscience of each individual. That is precisely why we carried out the separation of the church from the state. But, in separating the church from the state and proclaiming religious liberty, there was also guaranteed the right of every citizen to combat by argument, by propaganda and agitation, any and all religion."

Malignant enemies of the Soviet Union abroad have spread mischievous rumors about alleged persecution of the church, the clergy, and church members in the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Government has never persecuted anyone for professing one creed or another, or for belonging to a religious organization of one kind or another.

Soon after the great October revolution some leaders of the Orthodox Church, confirmed adherents of the tsarist autocracy—because under the latter they enjoyed special rights, privileges and material benefits, which they lost after the revolution—joined the fight for the restoration of the monarchy and the old regime. They fiercely opposed the implementation of the decrees on the separation of the church from the state and the school from the church, which the Soviet Government promulgated in 1918.

Church organizations and religious beliefs were used by reactionary members

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### Metropolitan Nicolai Indicates Regret over Statement Attacking Pope

Metropolitan Nicolai of Krutitsky, Kolonna, head of a delegation of Russian Churchmen visiting the United States indicated that he regrets having made statement in 1949 calling Pope Pius an "agent of American imperialism" and an "ardent enemy of the USSR."

The Metropolitan told a press conference, held in Washington, D. C., that statement, widely circulated in the press, was made in "a period of high tensions and misunderstandings."

"One side or another says unpleasant things" at such a time, he told reporters adding that "we are all living through a period where we hope for real friends I prefer now not to remember unpleasant things if they might have been said," declared.

The metropolitan denied ever having suggested the elevation of Josef Stalin to sainthood. He said, "I never prayed Stalin. That he should be raised to a

### Moscow Press Silent

The Moscow radio and press report the departure of the eight-man delegation of Soviet Churchmen for a visit to United States but have remained completely silent on the subject since th

hood would be comic. It is stupid ever think of it. The Church never thought he was a genius or mankind."

Subsequently, at a dinner in honor of the Russian delegation given by the Washington Federation of Churches, Metropolitan Nicolai said he felt the visit of the deputation to America was deepening understanding between the two countries.

All the Russian Churchmen were singing, conversing, and friendly during their visit in Washington, D. C., except P. Vladimir Ivanovich Talida, who is to be professor of canon law at Moscow Theological Academy. He remained grimacing and aloof.

The delegation paid an official visit to the Soviet Embassy where they were greeted by Ambassador Georgi Zaru. It was the first time since the Embassy was established in 1933 that it had granted such an audience to any religious group.

Before coming to Washington the Soviet Churchmen visited Independence Hall in Philadelphia. At the Liberty Bell, Metropolitan Nicolai said: "Although it no longer rings, it continues to speak symbol of human liberty."

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of the clergy to further their designs against the Soviet system and against the Soviet people. The Soviet Government was therefore compelled to take measures, in conformity with justice and necessity, in order to isolate the most actively hostile members of the clergy.

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Hostile elements interpreted those measures as persecutions against religion and against the church.

However, church representatives themselves now admit that the measures taken were not persecutions against religion or the church.

A new trend made itself manifest in the life of the Russian Orthodox Church. It was expressed in support for the domestic and foreign policies of the Soviet state.

On July 22, 1937, Metropolitan Sergius, along with other members of the clergy, came out with an open declaration, which stated, in part:

"The leaders of the church are not with the enemies of our Soviet state, and not with the inhuman tools of their intrigues, but with our people and our government."

The declaration further stated:

"We want to be Orthodox Christians and at the same time to be conscious of the Soviet Union as our temporal country—where joys and successes are our joys and successes, and whose reverses are our reverses."

"While remaining Orthodox Christians, we remember our duty to be citizens of the Soviet Union, not out of fear, but because that is what our conscience dictates."

This declaration met with the approval and support of the mass members of the Orthodox Church. The clergy more and more abandoned the false road of struggle against the Soviet Government; more and more the clergy supported the measures of the Soviet Government, and this in turn gradually led to a change in the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the church and its leaders.

Mr. MORAN. That is the same Mr. Karpov about whom you have been testifying, is it not?  
Mr. MANNING. Yes.

## Manning Johnson

When Manning Johnson, former Communist Party leader in the United States, appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities on July 8, 1953, he testified under oath concerning himself, "I was born in Washington, D. C., December 18, 1907. I was educated in the elementary, junior high, and high school in Washington, D. C. I graduated from the Naval Air Technical Training School in Memphis, Tenn. I graduated from the national training school of the Communist Party."

Mr. Robert L. Kunzig, counsel for the Committee, asked him, "What year was that?" and he replied: "1932. At the present time I am employed as a consultant in the Investigation Section of the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, in the city of New York. In 1930, in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., I joined the Communist Party. In 1931 I was appointed district agitation and propaganda director, a position which I held until 1932. In the latter part of 1932 I was appointed district organizer of the Communist Party in Buffalo, N. Y., district No. 4. I remained district organizer until the middle of 1934. I was later transferred to New York City, the headquarters of the Communist Party in America."

"In 1934 or 1935 I became a member of the trade union commission of the national committee of the Communist Party. I held this position until 1940."

He further testified: "I was also a member of the national committee of the Communist Party. I was elected to the national committee at the national convention of the Communist Party in 1936. I remained a member of the national committee until the national convention of the Communist Party in 1938."

He left the Party in 1940 determined "that forever after I would conscientiously and vigorously oppose it, vocally and spiritually."

In the column at the right and on the next page is a photographic reproduction of a portion of Manning Johnson's sworn testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as given in the publication of the Committee entitled, Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City Area, Part 5, July 13 and 14, 1953.

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commission of the national committee of the Communist Party. Jack Stachel was a member of the national committee and also a member of the political bureau of the Communist Party.

Mr. KUNZIG. At the conclusion of your testimony here, Mr. Johnson, could you give us a summary of the overall manner in which the Communists have attempted to infiltrate and poison the religious organizations of America wherever possible?

Mr. JOHNSON. Once the tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin, the actual mechanics of implementing the "new line" was a question of following the general experience of the living church movement in Russia where the Communists discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church by Communist agents operating within the church itself.

The Communist leadership in the United States realized that the infiltration tactic in this country would have to adapt itself to American conditions and the religious makeup peculiar to this country. In the earliest stages it was determined that with only small forces available it would be necessary to concentrate Communist agents in the seminaries and divinity schools. The practical conclusion, drawn by the Red leaders was that these institutions would make it possible for a small Communist minority to influence the ideology of future clergymen in the paths most conducive to Communist purposes.

In general, the idea was to divert the emphasis of clerical thinking from the spiritual to the material and political—by political, of course, is meant politics based on the Communist doctrine of conquest of power. Instead of emphasis towards the spiritual and matters of the soul, the new and heavy emphasis was to deal with those matters which, in the main, led toward the Communist program of "immediate demands." These social demands, of course, were of such a nature that to fight for them would tend to weaken our present society and prepare it for final conquest by Communist forces.

The Communists had some small forces in the seminaries and under the leadership of Harry F. Ward. These were quickly augmented by additional recruits and absorbed into the divinity institutions by manipulations of Communist calls in the seminaries. This infiltration into seminaries was expedited by the use of considerable forces the Communists had in educational institutions which were eligible for hire by divinity organizations.

The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth, carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and slant which would aid in neutralizing the anti-Communist character of the church and also to use the clergy to spearhead important Communist projects.

This policy was successful beyond even Communist expectations. The combination of Communist clergymen, clergymen with a pro-Communist ideology, plus thousands of clergymen who were sold the principle of considering Communist causes as progressive, within 50 years, furnished the Soviet apparatus with a machine which was used as a religious cover for the overall Communist operation ranging from immediate demands to actually furnishing aid in espionage and outright treason.

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The Communists have an advantage in religious organizations due to the fact that their forces within religious groups are well organized as a totalitarian group which, operating as a highly mobile force, works unceasingly toward a premeditated program. This gives the destructive element a great tactical advantage over all others in the religious organizations who deal with religion as individuals, operating ethics on the basis of an individual conscience before God.

In the early 1930's the Communists instructed thousands of their members to rejoin their ancestral religious groups and to operate in cells designed to take control of churches for Communist purposes. This method was not only propounded, but was executed with great success among large elements of American church life. Communists operating a double-pronged infiltration, both through elements of Communist-controlled clergy, and Communist-controlled laymen, managed to pervert and weaken entire strata of religious life in the United States.

Communists in churches and other religious organizations were instructed to utilize the age-old tradition of the sanctity of the church as a cover for their own dastardly deeds. Through Reds in religion, we have a true living example of the old saying: "The Devil doth quote the Scriptures."

The Communists learned that the clergymen under their control served as a useful "respectable face" for most of their front activities. In this way the name of religion was used to spearhead the odious plots hatched by the agents of antireligious Soviet communism.

Communist strategists counted the effectiveness of their forces not so much on numbers alone, but on the importance of individuals loyal to communism in key spots where a small group can influence large numbers and events have by controlling a sensitive spot. Thus one preacher of divinity, listening to future clergymen, who in turn will preach to thousands of churchgoers, is, in the long run, more dangerous than 100 preachers, singing the praises of communism from the pulpit.

The same can also be said of a Communist agent operating an important position in a church publication which carries the name of the church in its title. Such persons are particularly dangerous.

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entire population as to tip off scores of pro-Soviet clergymen, who are only too glad to receive sermon material through the medium of church publication.

The large backlog which the Communists have in the writing and journalistic field makes it easy for them to infiltrate religious publications and organize new publications representing the Communist plan in church circles.

It is an axiom in Communist organization strategy that if an infiltrated body has 1 percent Communist Party members and 9 percent Communist Party sympathizers, with well rehearsed plans of action, they can effectively control the remaining 90 percent who act and think on an individual basis. In the large sections of the religious field, due to the ideological poison which has been filtered in by Communists and pro-Communists through seminars, the backlog of sympathizers and mental prisoners of socialistic ideology is greater than the 10 percent necessary for effective control.

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It is my conviction, as a former leader of the Communist Party, that those who lead our Nation must expose this plot and the Communist pattern of operation within our churches. If the churchgoing public is apprised of the true facts by our investigating institutions they, by themselves, will quickly cast the Communist viper out of the house of God.

The Communist strategy of using the cry of "attack on religion" in order to stop an inquiry on their attack on religious life should not deter those in whose hands lies the responsibility of exposing this deadly danger to religion in America.

Mr. C. L. ... Is there any reason why this witness should not be

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*Dear Editor  
Since our declaration deserves wide attention  
for it is our esteemed publication  
Refuge for pastors  
from Iron Curtain  
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**DECLARATION**

In connection with the trip of the delegation of the National Council of Churches to Moscow

With unutterable sadness we have followed the news-reports about the visit of the delegation of the National Council of Churches to the "church leaders" in the Soviet Union, to increase "mutual understanding". Such a step raises the question as to the meaning and relevance of Christendom. Therefore, we, leading clergymen, deacons, professors, priests and pastors of the several churches from Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and the Ukraine, cannot by remaining silent give our consent to this action. Truth based upon our experiences under the Soviet rule, remains truth whether accepted or not.

We know the plight of the churchmen under the control of the Soviet regime. It compels them to lie, to distort their functions, and to become obedient instruments in the furtherance of the Soviet expansion. This is something so horrible that we, when given even the remotest opportunity, have risked all in order to flee this role.

The very fact that these rulers who so mercilessly destroy everyone who is in their way even in the slightest sense, permit these talks in Moscow, means that they expect gain for the communist cause. They surely will see to its accomplishment.

It is deeply regrettable that such a fraternization is demonstrated before the view of these millions of victims in their despair. Thereby they are thrown into a spirit of resignation. For we know that all Christians behind the Iron Curtain expect that Christians in the free world are interested in those who in their ordeal have not abandoned their Christian convictions, honesty and decency. However these men and women are not invested with the role of spokesmen; they are suffering in prisons, being tortured in slave-labor camps and resting in mass graves.

We are deeply worried that such a fraternization contributes to the already existing confusion among the Christians in the West, and further undermines conscience already hardened. We have seen and experienced enough to know that if this attitude continues, we all shall fall into the deadly grip of communism.

Finally we have to call the attention to the fact that this honoring of the Soviet church hierarchy is an alarming sign of a deep spiritual and ethical crisis which is undermining the root of the rest of Christendom. It is inevitable and to see how the Soviet rulers who, in connection with their strategy in the interest of world-conquest, have recently expressed heightened hope that soon the rest of the world will fall into the Soviet grip precisely due to its weakness and confusion — are given such an encouragement in their estimate by the National Council of Churches. This is an astounding feature of an astounding epoch.

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TESTIMONY UNDER OATH OF BENJAMIN GITLOW

Mr. Benjamin Gitlow, July 7, 1953, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives concerning the infiltration of Communism into religious organizations. He identified himself as having been a member of the Communist Party, stating, "I was always one of the top leading officials of the Communist Party in the United States from the year 1919 to 1929."

Following are pages containing a portion of Gitlow's testimony photographically reproduced, reduced in size, from a publication of the Committee entitled, Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City Area, Part 6, July 7, 1953.

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how is it possible, Mr. Gitlow, for the Communist Party, which attacks religion in the church, to pursue a policy that calls for the infiltration of churches and all kinds of religious institutions?

Mr. Gitlow. The Communist policy for the Communist infiltration of the religious field is a matter of tactics in the war against capitalism and religion. That is why the Communists have seldom engaged in a frontal attack upon religion and its institutions. That fact was graphically brought out when the Communist Party was organized in the United States in 1919. A group of delegates representing the Michigan State organization of the Socialist Party, which was expelled from the Socialist Party because it favored a Communist program, participated at the convention called together in the city of Chicago for the organization of the Communist Party. This delegation under the leadership of John Keracher and Dennis Bett, insisted that the Communist Party should in its program adopt a plan calling for an all-out campaign against religion as its main and immediate objective. When the Communist Party convention refused to do that, they bolted the convention, and upon the return of the delegation to Michigan organized what became known as the Proletarian Party. The Proletarian Party sought admission to the Communist International and endorsement of its position on religion. The Communist International endorsed the position of the Communist Party of the United States and directed the Proletarian Party to abandon its position, accept the program of the Communist Party of the United States, and join the party.

Mr. Kuzma. Do you mean to say that even though the Communist Party was an atheistic organization, it nevertheless adopted a policy for the infiltration of religious organizations?

Mr. Gitlow. The policy in those days was framed in such a way that the members of the Communist Party could infiltrate church organizations for the purpose of conducting their propaganda among them, for enlisting their support for Soviet Russia and for the various campaigns in which the Communists were interested.

Mr. Kuzma. Mr. Gitlow, the House Committee on Un-American Activities is interested, of course, in the valuable background of material which you are giving, but they are also interested in specific examples. Can you cite any specific examples of these tactics to which you are referring?

Mr. Gitlow. Certainly. The Russian Communists were the first to exploit ministers of the United States and through them, the church organizations, for the purpose of spreading propaganda in favor of Communist Russia and for the building up of a pro-Soviet sentiment among church people in America and among Americans generally.

I will, if I may, make mention of a few of the prominent American religious leaders who were used for that purpose in the early 1920's: Dr. Kirby Page, Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Jerome Davis, Dr. Harry F. Ward, the Rev. Albert Rhys Williams, and others. In reference to Albert Rhys Williams, it is interesting to note his biography. Albert Rhys Williams was a graduate of the Hartford Theological Seminary. He was a minister and director of the Maverick Church and Forum of Boston, Mass. When he went to Russia he became a Communist and got a job as assistant in the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs in the Soviet Government. He became a secret member of the Communist

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Party of the United States. He worked for the Communists in preparing propaganda to foment a Communist revolution in Germany. He organized the International Legion in the Red Army.

In 1943 and 1944 Albert Rhys Williams, a paid agent of the Soviet Government, a secret member of the Communist Party, nevertheless, had such prominence in the United States that he became a lecturer at Cornell University for the years 1934 to 1944. He was also a contributing editor to the Survey Graphic, the leading magazine in the field of philanthropy and social service in the United States.

Mr. Kuzma. Mr. Gitlow, you have mentioned names of specific individuals, Dr. Kirby Page, Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Jerome Davis, Dr. Harry F. Ward, and the Reverend Albert Rhys Williams. Did you know of your own personal knowledge these persons to be Communist?

Mr. Gitlow. The only one that I knew was a secret member of Communist Party was Albert Rhys Williams. I knew that the other all worked closely with the Communist Party and also worked closely when they were in Russia with the Soviet Government.

Mr. WALTER. You say when they were in Russia. What did they go to Russia for?

Mr. Gitlow. Well, they evidently went to Russia to see what passed as the result of the Russian revolution, and evidently they came so enthusiastic over what they were allowed to see that it became pliable material in the hands of the Communist leader Russia and then rendered very valuable service, too, because of Soviet Government and the Communist movement.

Mr. KENZIE. Did the Communist Party of the United States in early 1920's enlist the support of church people for its campaigns in support of the Communist Party, its activities in Soviet Russia?

Mr. Gitlow. It certainly did, for the number of ministers actively supported the Communist Party in those days, though as large as it is today, was, nevertheless, impressive. The outstanding clergymen among them were Dr. Harry F. Ward, Bishop Wil Montgomery Brown, Jerome Davis, William B. Spofford, and A. Rhys Williams. The one that I know was a Communist Party member was Bishop William Montgomery Brown. The others cooperated closely with the Communist Party, and in the political committee of the Communist Party their activities on behalf of the Communist Party were continuously discussed. I also want to bring to attention this fact: The joint legislative committee of the New York Legislature, in its report filed April 24, 1930, in dealing with Communist manifestations in the religious field, a report filed less than 8 months after the Communist Party was organized had this to say on the subject:

One of the few clergymen who have declared themselves frankly to be averse to Bishop William Montgomery Brown, a retired Episcopal clergyman at Galion, Ohio, a friend of radical Socialists and Communists who has been active for many years.

A more influential leader in the Reverend Harry F. Ward, professor in the Theological Seminary, New York, and high in the councils of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is leader in the intellectual field of the radical movement. His friendly attitude toward bolshevism, expressed in a sermon preached by the Methodist Church, caused quite a public scandal, especially if it had been approved by an examining board of the church.

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These few facts prove that from the very start the Communist Party, in spite of the fact that it was an atheistic organization, infiltrated the religious field and exploited clergymen of the various denominations for its purposes.

Mr. Kuzma. Can you tell us how the Communists infiltrate religious field?

Mr. Gitlow. Before I answer that question I believe it will help committee to get a better understanding of the Communist tactic if I deal briefly with the tactic of the united front adopted by Communists in 1922 after they realized that their militant policy of investigating a revolution in Germany and then throughout Europe the world had failed. The united-front policy by Lenin approved by the Comintern became the official policy of the Communist Party of all countries, including the Communist Party of the United States. Its implementation in the United States resulted in formation by the Communist Party of many united-front organizations and the initiation of a number of united-front actions.

The united-front tactic enabled the Communists to greatly increase the effectiveness of their infiltration activities. The united-front tactic was first directed toward the development of pro-Soviet sentiment and support of the Soviets; second, to build up support for Communists in the trade unions and to create the organization conditions for their capture by the Communists; and third, to use Communist propaganda, incite discontent among the people, undermine the loyalty of the American people and to divide them along religious, national, racial, and economic lines.

Mr. Kuzma. What did the policy of the united front have to do with the infiltration of religion, Mr. Gitlow?

Mr. Gitlow. The united-front policy enabled the Communist Party to expand their infiltration activities on the religious field by instead of using the Communist Party directly in enlisting the support of clergymen and laymen who were pro-Soviet and were



the Communist Party and its activities, the Communist Party could enlist them through the front organizations, and on the specific issues of the united front. It was, for the Communists, for men and women operating in a field hostile to communism, to operate in the name of a front organization instead of in the name of the Communist Party. The front organization served as a shield to protect those individuals who were Communists or who explicitly carried out the Communist Party instructions from the charge that they were Communist agents. Besides, on specific issues the Communist Party, through the front organizations, was able to enlist a large number of individuals to follow its line, who under other circumstances would not do so.

To be specific: Before the creation of the front organizations, the ministers who carried out the instructions of the Communist Party or collaborated with it were limited in numbers.

The outstanding ones among them were, besides Dr. Harry Ward, Dr. William B. Spofford, Jerome Davis, Rev. Tucker P. Smith, Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, Rabbi Judal L. Magnus, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. Sidney Strong, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Then the Communist Party organized the Friends of the Soviet Union, the International Labor Defense, the All-American Anti-

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Imperialist League, the Friends for Protection of Foreign Born, the movement for the organization of a national farmer-labor party, the Workers International Relief, numerous organizations in defense of strikes and for raising money for relief, youth organizations, student organizations, cultural organizations, forum and anti-imperialist actions like the Hands Off China Committee and many more. All these organizations had their share of clergymen. The number of clergymen who followed the Communist Party like grow by leaps and bounds.

Mr. WALTER. May I ask at this point, were all of those organizations that you mentioned known as the united front?

Mr. GRIFFIN. They were all organizations which the Communist Party termed united-front organizations.

Mr. WALTER. And by "united-front organizations" technically is meant organizations which are part and parcel of the Communist movement?

Mr. GRIFFIN. No. United-front organizations are organizations which are organized by the Communist Party through which they can enlist on specific issues the support of other organizations which are not Communist organizations and in which they can enlist the support of individuals who will go along with the Communist Party on a specific issue, but will not join the Communist Party on the issue of communism.

So when you have an anti-imperialist organization like a Hands Off China Committee, well, they can get all kinds of organizations to join that united-front movement and a lot of individuals who honestly are not Communists, but who think it is a good thing to have a Hands Off China movement and keep the imperialist army out of Chinese territory, and so you have united-front movements for civil rights, united-front movements for raising relief for workers out on strike, on a humanitarian basis. Then you have united-front organizations for the defense of the foreign born that appeal to all the foreign-born members of fraternal organizations of the United States, a tremendously powerful weapon in the hands of the Communist Party who are trying to divorce the foreign-born workers from American institutions and to bring them close to the Communist Party and the subversion of the Communist Party.

Mr. WALTER. Then by the united-front organizations you mean those organizations which unite together to carry out a specific purpose at a particular time?

Mr. GRIFFIN. And the initiative for the organization of which comes from the Communist Party.

Mr. WALTER. Off the record.  
(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. KURZBA. Would you say that during that period the main field of the Communist Party's operations was the religious field?

Mr. GRIFFIN. No. The main field of the party's operations was the trade-union field and it still remains its main field of operations, but I would say that in the execution of the united-front policy, the religious field was second in importance. In recent years, especially in the United States, where the Communist Party is under attack, the religious field has become the most important.

Mr. KURZBA. Who, would you say, is the key figure for the Communist Party on the religious field?

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Mr. GRIFFIN. The key figure is Robert W. Dunn, head of the Labor Research Association.

Mr. KURZBA. Will you explain why you consider him the key figure?  
Mr. GRIFFIN. The Communist Party is the agency of the Soviet Government which it heads and directs the conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government by force and violence. Important fig-

ures in this conspiracy, who are members of the Communist Party operate secretly. Only the most trusted leaders of the Communist Party know they are party members. Robert W. Dunn, who is connected with the Quakers' relief organization and with the Yoc Men's Christian Association, visited Russia. He became a pro-Soviet agent upon his return to the United States and was prepared for his pro-Soviet propaganda. He joined the Communist Party of the United States when it was an underground organization, but functioned as a non-Communist and denied membership in the Communist Party. His wide acquaintance with religious organizations and religious personalities made him a person of great value to the party. He served as the Communist Party's liaison between its political committee and secretariat and the clergymen operating on instructions of the party. He also headed the research organization known as the Labor Research Association. This organization, which offered its services to labor unions and other organizations and prepared research material and statistics to back up the Communist Party line, functioned as a bona fide labor-research outfit. Through this organization the Communist Party obtained information of the most intimate secrets of labor unions and other organizations that use its services. The organization served as the research department of the Communist Party and Dunn's work was completely supervised by the party. In the twenties the church people who met together with Dunn and carried out the directions of the Communist Party in matters were Jerome Davis, Albert Rhys Williams, Dr. Harry Ward, and William B. Spofford. This group wielded tremendous influence in the religious field and did fraternal work in advancing Communist conspiracy in religion.

Mr. KURZBA. You were a member of various important committees of the Comintern and the Profintern. Did you, when you were in Moscow, ever discuss the question of Communist infiltration of religion with the leaders of the Comintern?

Mr. GRIFFIN. The matter came up in Moscow, not only in reference to the infiltration of religion in the United States, but also in Far and Near East.

Mr. KURZBA. Will you give me some specific instances?

Mr. GRIFFIN. My first visit to Moscow was in 1927 when I acted as a delegate of the American Communist Party to the enlarged session of the executive committee of the Comintern. During my stay in Moscow, I also attended the sessions of the Anglo-American Secretariat, the organization committee of the Comintern, headed by Nikolai, had private sessions with the man in charge of archiving the Comintern who also headed the Comintern's agitprop department, sessions of which I also attended, and in addition had a conference with Stalin. At the meeting of the Anglo-American Secretariat, also at meetings of the executive committee of the Comintern International and of its organization department, the question of the American Communist Party's activities on the religious field was discussed. At these meetings the Communist Party requested to intensify its efforts to draw the religious elements into the party's united-front activities. In the organization of the Workers International Relief and in the various strike-relief agencies the party set up independently or in conjunction with the Workers International Relief, the party was directed to draw in the religious elements and to give the clergymen, wherever possible, prominent roles in the activities of such organizations. The drawing in of religious elements by the Friends of the Soviet Union, and by the national Labor Defense, into the Communist Party's campaign for the formation of a farmer-labor party was also discussed. In the organization department, the importance of establishing good contacts with the religious organizations so that the Communists could infiltrate the missions in China and use them for Communist purposes, was given serious consideration and attention was drawn to the effective work which Dr. Harry Ward did for communism in China in 1924.

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Mr. KURZBA. Do you mean to say that Dr. Ward engaged in Communist propaganda when he was in China in 1925?

Mr. GRIFFIN. Certainly. I would like to read a few excerpts from a series of lectures he delivered in China at that time, if I may.

Mr. KURZBA. You may.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Dr. Ward delivered a series of lectures at the National University at Peking under the title, "The Ethical Aspects of Industrialization." The first lecture was called, "The Ethical Problem posed by Industrialization, delivered on March 2, 1925. Describe industrial system under which we live Dr. Ward said:

More than this, industrialism is in conflict also with the desires of man for the future. I do not know if you can find a parallel in human history to this situation in which the prevailing way of getting the work of the world is developed a way of thinking and living which is at the same time both in the established moral standards of mankind and also to the man as he reaches out into the future.

Ward here develops in his own words, the words of the old Communist idea that capitalist industrialism under which today has developed a way of thinking, that it is an ideology outmoded, that no longer serves mankind progressively. Dr. Ward however, puts it in the language of the clergyman as a way of

dangerous to moral standards and the aspirations of man, as he reaches out into the future for another system different from capitalism.

Dr. Ward continues,

This period is somewhat analogous to the time in the political history of any country when there is guerrilla warfare between military leaders, preceding the establishment of constitutional control. Industrialism is now in that state because we have not yet set up any constitutional control of economic activities.

This quotation is an assertion and approval of the Communist position that the overthrow of capitalism goes through the process of guerrilla class warfare to put the state in control of all economic activities. Dr. Ward calls this constitutional control; actually, it is communism.

Dr. Ward repeats the Communist charge that under capitalism wage earners live under a system of wage slavery in these terms:

The limitations of the personality of many wage earners by what is accurately called wage slavery, has been fully described in the literature of both sympathy and revolt.

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The second lecture Dr. Ward delivered in China before a distinguished audience of intellectuals and students was called Can Capitalism Provide a Solution? It was delivered on March 5, 1925. In this lecture Dr. Ward takes the Communist position that it does not pay to reform capitalism, that it must be destroyed completely. Here are some of his pertinent remarks:

It is not necessary to recant the sins of modern capitalism against humanity. For our present purpose we can afford to admit that these things may possibly be eliminated by reform. The issue then is whether their elimination will require such an expenditure of energy, such a struggle, as to consume more than it is worth (pp. 17-18).

Then Dr. Ward develops this position against a competitive system of economy as follows:

Hence it comes about that the competitive system blocks progress where formerly it helped it (p. 20).

Dr. Ward's estimation of American capitalism is a gem. He said:

One of the outstanding facts of the modern world is the increased recognition of the inadequacy of the capitalist system. . . . In fact today capitalism is defended only by people whom a friend of mine described as Wall Street morose—that is, people who have been so engrossed in the making of money that they are really feeble-minded toward the rest of life as concerned (p. 28).

All the lectures delivered in China by Dr. Ward had for its main purpose bolstering up the position of the Communist movement in China and winning support of the Chinese intellectuals and Christians in China for the Chinese Communist movement and for Soviet Russia.

In his fourth lecture, What Has Science to Offer, the title is misleading. It should have been, What Has Communism to Offer. Dr. Ward, on March 10, 1925, said the following:

In Russia a government has been organized with the deliberate purpose of endeavoring to develop a general commonwealth in which finally there would be no economic classes, where all the people will share in the culture of life in the same terms. And there has been recognition in some other countries a "factory for technical aid to Russia," a recognition of the fact that the accomplishment of the goal requires a large technical development. The situation is an index of what has been done in the large throughout the world (p. 43).

The Society for Technical Aid to Russia, which Dr. Ward, refers to, in the United States was organized upon instructions of the Soviet government for supplying an agency for carrying on quasi-government activities for the Soviet government. It was used to facilitate travel into the Soviet Union by issuing visas and passports for the

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Russian Government. It greatly aided the movement of Soviet spies into and out of the United States. It served as an important industrial espionage agency for the Soviet government in both the United States and in Canada.

He follows this declaration for Russia and communism with an endorsement of Marxism in these words:

Take an interest again from the field of political science. One of the most useful tools we have at present is that kind is the economic interpretation of history, which was first developed by Marx in collaboration with Engels (p. 64).

He winds up his lecture with a stirring appeal the intent of which is that the Chinese should follow in the footsteps of the Communists in Russia, in words not based upon the Bible, but on Leninism, as follows:

But in Russia some years ago there happened to come along a young student whose name has later become famous to the world as Lenin, and who had the tool of the economic interpretation of history to develop a theory and a tactic of social change. He used it to accomplish results which will be felt throughout the history of the human race so long as time stands (p. 64).

Mr. Kuzma. Do you attach any special significance to Dr. Ward's lectures in China?

Mr. Grrrow. I only presented Ward's lectures delivered in China to 1925 because they were discussed at length in Moscow at the Comintern

with Dr. Ward's point of view, using the cloak of religion could under service of inestimable value to the Communist cause in China and to Soviet interests. Besides, the missions and church institutions in China could be used, in the opinion of the Comintern, to cover up Communist espionage activities in China. Clergymen, who served in various capacities in China, and who deliberately followed the Communist Party line or were duped into following it, formed an important branch of the conspiracy to turn China over to the Communists. They not only gave assistance to the Communists in China but they also carried on effective propaganda in the United States to influence public opinion for their point of view. Later in my testimony I will show how the Methodist Federation for Social Action was tied into the China conspiracy.

Mr. Kuzma. You mentioned about the Near East and religious situation. Will you please elaborate?

Mr. Grrrow. The Comintern was disatisfied with the progress the Communists were making in the Near East. The area, because of its large oil deposits, and because it served as a link to Asia and Africa was considered of tremendous strategic importance, if the grip of western capitalism represented by Great Britain and the United States was to be broken. But the Communist penetration of that area was not proceeding as desired in spite of the enormous sums of money which the Comintern and the Soviet government spent in that area. The Comintern executive reached the conclusion that to be successful in advancing the cause of communism in the Mohammedan countries of that area, it would be necessary for the Communists to infiltrate the religious forces that exerted such great political influence in that area. Special schools were established to train Communist agents in the traditions and customs of the Mohammedan religion. In Moscow a school was established called the Mid Eastern University. This train-

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ing school was the pet project of Joseph Stalin and had a student body of 1,000.

Mr. Kuzma. When did the Communist infiltration of religion become a major policy of the Communist Party of the United States?

Mr. Grrrow. It certainly did. On August 20, 1935, with a full delegation of the Communist Party of the United States present, a resolution was adopted unanimously dealing with the preparation of the imperialists for a new world war. This resolution declared:

The establishment of a united front with social-democratic and reformist organizations (party, trade unions, cooperative, sport, and cultural and educational organizations), and with the bulk of their members, as well as with national liberation, religious, democratic, and pacifist organizations and their adherents, is decisive in the struggle against war and its Fascist instigators in all countries.

The resolution is very specific for it states that a united front on the part of the Communists and the organizations they control, with religious organizations and their adherents, is decisive in the struggle against war and fascism. The passage of this resolution by the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International proves the Communist infiltration of the religious field was decided upon in Moscow as a major policy. Those who declare that such infiltration of religion, especially the Christian churches, is a sign of the imagination either do so to hide the astounding facts about such a situation or because they are too stupid to see or realize what is going on.

Mr. Kuzma. Did the American Communists play a part in formulating the policy of the Comintern for the infiltration of the religious field?

Mr. Grrrow. The American Communists played quite an important part. Gil Green, the head of the Young Communist League of the United States, reported in Moscow, as follows:

We are influencing larger masses of youth and are accepted by large numbers of them as a constructive force. In these organizations we found fanatical functionaries and cadres to fight with us against reaction. . . . In the course of less than a year our Young Communist League built 175 units within these mass organizations and through these began to anchor the united front from below.

. . . At the second American Youth Congress, the Young Communist League delegation was faced with many complicated questions, any one of which I handled in a broad way could have resulted in a break in the united front. For example, the question of religion. Many of the religious groups were skeptical about uniting with Communists, although they were against fascism, because they feared that was a trap to force our atheistic views upon them. This problem was solved by simply agreeing to permit all religious youth in the Congress to hold church services Sunday morning. This did not compromise the Communist youth and yet showed to the masses of religious youth that this was not a united front against religion but against political reaction.

Mr. Kuzma. Did the Communist infiltration of religion, on a intensified scale, begin in the United States before the decisions of the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern in 1935?

Mr. Grrrow. It actually was in full swing in the United States in 1924. The Seventh World Conference of the Comintern only reaffirmed and greatly stressed, as I have already indicated, what has always been the policy of the world Communist movement.

Mr. Kuzma. What were the main organizations through which the Communist conspiracy in religion was carried out?

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## Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

**"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING,  
BUT INWARDLY THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES."—St. Matthew, 7, 15.**

Soviet Church dignitaries arriving on a visit to this country are not Christian leaders. They are agents of a godless Government.

Metropolitan Nicholas as well as the Baptist leader Mr. Zhidkoff and other members of the delegations coming on the invitation of American Baptists and of the National Council of Churches of Christ do not come with Christian aims.

Khrushchev told a French parliamentary delegation in September 1955: "We remain atheists. We will do our best to liberate a certain portion of the people from the charm of religious opium that still exists."

If the activities of Mr. Zhidkoff and Metropolitan Nicholas, second ranking Bishop of the Church in Russia, are sanctioned and appreciated by a Government with such atheistic aims, and if his trips abroad are sponsored by that Government it means that they are not working for the propagation of Religion but for its enemies. From the atheistic Government Metropolitan Nicholas has received several high decorations.

That was a reward for his many lies.

He lied when he said that the reign of Stalin "has been the most just throughout the entire period of its (the Russian Church) long history" (Sermons and Speeches, Moscow, 1950). Didn't he know of the unprecedented murders of Bishops, clergymen and faithful in that "most just period"?

Didn't he know how many churches were closed and desecrated (in Moscow alone only 50-55 churches remain of the 657 existing in 1917).

The recent statements of Communist leaders exposing Stalin and his methods should be compared with eulogies by Metropolitan Nicholas who stood in honour guard by Stalin's bier and Patriarch Alexy, who praised him as a "genius" and a "great moral and social force" (Sermon on March 9, 1953).

Metropolitan Nicholas also made false statements as a member of an Investigation Commission attributing to Germans the massacre of Polish officers in Katyn. An impartial Congress Committee has recently come to the conclusion that the Katyn executions were carried out by orders of Stalin.

Last and not least: what reason has this country to extend its hospitality to visitors who like Metropolitan Nicholas have called her a "fanatic prostitute of the new Babylon" (Sermons and Speeches, Moscow 1950) and spoke of Americans in Korea as using "gallows, firing squads and atrocious tortures not only on prisoners of war but also on children, on the aged, on women and the sick" (Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate No. 12, 1950).

The policy of Patriarch Alexy and especially Metropolitan Nicholas throughout these years was that of treason in regard to the Christian Church.

They can in no sense be accepted as genuine representatives of the Russian Church and we as members of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and American citizens protest against the arrival of such delegations to this country and against treating them as guest of honour and representatives of the Church. They are agents of the Soviets and should be treated as such.

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 December 18, 1958

We, the undersigned, petition the 86th Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Standing Committee.

We believe that the U. S. Supreme Court has, in the *United States vs. Watkins*, made it clear that the Committee has habitually abused its mandate in unconstitutional ways for political purposes; that it has become an agency for repression; that it has usurped the functions of the executive and judicial branches of our government.

We are confident that only a return to constitutional procedure can protect us against subversion without at the same time subverting the very liberties we seek to protect.

For two decades the Congress has allowed the Committee to function. For two decades the Committee has condemned individual Americans, has wrecked the lives of some, and has denied them the due process of law that English and American courts have tollingly evolved over many centuries. Now the nation is reaping the bitter harvest:

1. The Committee has perverted, and thereby imperiled, the proper and necessary powers of the Congress to conduct investigations.
2. The Committee has helped discourage free study and inquiry in working for peace while the world is threatened with destruction.
3. It has turned Americans who work for racial equality and justice.
4. It has increased bitterness between racial and religious groups of our citizens, which in turn has imperiled our good relations with the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.
5. It has discouraged racial and cultural contacts with our neighbors on this shrinking planet. It has discouraged U. S. students and scholars from studying in countries which we Americans desperately need to understand.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has in these ways weakened America. At no time in history have we needed to be stronger. At no time have we needed to be wiser. Let us rid ourselves of this agent of weakness and of folly.

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Prominent ecumenical Protestants placed their names on the petition published in a large advertisement in the *Washington Post and Times Herald*, January 7, 1959. These included John C. Bennett, dean of Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Dr. Bennett must be remembered as the author of the 5,000-word letter addressed to the 150,000 churches in the National Council of Churches, adopted November 21, 1958, in Cleveland, at the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the NCC.

John C. Bennett is doing the Communists a great service. They want the Un-American Activities Committee removed; they want Red China in the U.N.; and they want Red China to have an embassy in Washington.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, former president of the National Council of Churches and at present the stated clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., also is listed among the signers of the petition.

Dr. Blake is another ecumenical leader who is now on record in favor of Red China's being recognized by the U.S.A. and admitted to the U.N. He led the delegation, an official deputation from the National Council of Churches, to Moscow in the spring of 1955 where they were entertained at a sumptuous banquet by Georg Karpov, the major general of the secret police placed in charge of the churches in Russia by none other than Josef Stalin. Dr. Blake's leadership is deeply entrenched and well established in this Presbyterian Church of three million members.

Christian people, Presbyterians, should repudiate the United Presbyterian Church and leave it. Its name, through its highest executive officer, is being used to promote causes which are so helpful to the Communists that God's people have all the evidence they need to cause them to leave this apostate denomination.

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of the World Presbyterian Alliance, which claims to speak for 41 million Presbyterians and Reformed leaders, also is among those who signed this petition.

He is one of the first of the ecumenical leaders to call for recognition of Red China, doing so in December, 1949, ten years ago. Mackay has just retired as president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Clipping below is from

## 'Speak of the Future'

MOSCOW—Metropolitan Nicholas of the Russian Orthodox Church said on the eve of his departure for the United States.



that Soviet and U. S. churchmen had agreed not to recall the past, but to speak of the future.

Nicholas, who frequently in the past has called for contacts on the United States, had said an

the Philadelphia, Pa. Inquirer of June 1,

1956.

eight - an delegation leaving Friday for 11-day American tour to return visit to Russia by nine U. S. clergymen.

"We go to the United States with great interest and a feeling of fraternal Christian love. This trip will contribute to mutual understanding," he told newsmen. "Our ordinary people feel mutual friendship for the people of the United States and we will be glad to tell the American people about this."

HERBERT PHILBRICK, FORMER F.B.I. AGENT, REPORTS ON NICOLAI  
(Photographed from New York Herald Tribune)

## The Red Underground

# Report on 'Metropolitan Nikolai'

By Herbert A. Philbrick

In pursuance of his assignment to cultivate friendliness toward the Kremlin, Boris Doroshevich Yaroshevich ("Metropolitan Nikolai"), heading the nine Soviet churchmen touring the United States for the next ten days, will be on his best behavior while here, we may rest assured. Philbrick



In the Jan. 18, 1946, issue of a magazine which styles itself an "independent journal," aimed at the church field, and claiming to represent a "search of truth," is a statement by Thomas J. Halford that because the Moscow Patriarchate "happens to exist in a country where Communism is in power, we of America must be on our guard against supposing that it is overrun with subversive ideals, or that its leaders are nothing but agents for the Kremlin."

"In communistic or socialistic states," Mr. Halford continued, "the separation of religion in any form from politics is even more strictly enforced than here in the United States."

### Care Advised

We should by all means be careful about "supposing" anything about the Moscow Patriarchate, just as Mr. Halford cautioned. Facts are always sounder than suppositions. I have therefore consulted Russians associated with International Research on Communist Techniques, Inc., which supplied facts about Yaroshevich ("Metropolitan Nikolai"), and the "separation of church and state" alleged by Mr. Halford. Mr. Halford's appraisal of Communism proves to be more misleading than informative.

Yaroshevich ("Nikolai") is now in his late sixties. He graduated from the Theological Academy in St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) shortly before World War I, and during that war was regimental chaplain of the Finnish Imperial Guards. His activities and whereabouts between World Wars I and II are obscured. The mystery is how, while upward of 100,000 of his fellow priests were sentenced to death and concentration camps, he managed to thrive.

During World War II he became prominent as "Metropolitan of Kiev," when he began to play an important role as spokesman for the Soviet government. The people of Russia, whose hatred of Communism far exceeds that of the average American, were by no means anxious to fight for Joseph Stalin. The reasons have lately been revealed by the Communist itself. Yaroshevich, however, constantly engaged in speechmaking, stressing the "unity of Christians and the Soviet government," wishing Stalin "long life and strength to cleanse the Ukraine of German filth."

As a priest, "Nikolai" has much to answer for in terms of faithful stewardship and service to the Ukrainians. During the Nazi occupation he forsook the Ukraine and fled with other Communist leaders, leaving his people to struggle as best they could under Hitlerism. On Sept. 4, 1943, Stalin and Molotov received Yaroshevich in Moscow with other members of the Stalin gang. According to "Investia," this meeting marked the beginning of "co-existence" of the church and state in the Soviet Union.

Since then, Yaroshevich, now bearing the title of "Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsi and Kolomens," has received many decorations and honors from the Communist regime.

**Speeches Cited**  
As for Mr. Halford's allegation that there is "more complete separation" of church and state in the Soviet Union than in the United States—presumably implying that churches here would be much better off if this country were under Communism, too—the truth of the matter may be found in "Sermons and Speeches of Metropolitan Nikolai," an official publication of the Moscow Patriarchate. This two-volume work,

published in 1946, is available to all at the New York Public Library.

These excerpts are typical of "Nikolai's" speeches:

"The greedy tentacles of the octopus across the ocean are trying to engulf the entire universe. Capitalist America, this fanatic prostitute of the New Babylon . . . is trying to seduce the peoples by pushing them into war!"

"The stress from across the ocean are singing about 'freedom,' but only a man with a black conscience and clouded reason is able to speak about the existence of freedom in a country where people are lynched, children kidnaped, tear-gas bombs thrown among workers; where grain is burned in front of those who hunger, where those who are trying to establish the real meaning of the word 'freedom' are thrown into jail; where guns are made to inundate with human blood the peaceful valleys of Greece, China, Indonesia, Viet Nam. The 'freedom' to plunder, rape and kill—this is their freedom. The camp of the democrats stinks with the odor of burning houses, the stench of decomposing corpses, and with the pathetic fear of the criminal who has been caught. . . ."

"Nikolai" has carried on an unrelenting barrage of invective against the United States.

**Victims of System**  
Some of my Baptist friends have been disturbed by my revelations concerning Soviet churchmen. They express concern about the implications which might be drawn—that public hostility against the visitors might result. The point too often missed is that those coming here are, like all others behind the Iron Curtain, merely victims of a totalitarian system which reduces man to the lowest common denominator, more animal than human. It is important to bear this in mind as we observe and weigh the behavior and utterances of the Soviet visitors.

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA  
NICOLAI AGENT OF MOSCOW

(Photographed from  
Daily News of New York  
March 26, 1956)

**RUSSIAN STATEMENT**  
Broun: In a recent conference with nine United States Protestant churchmen, at Moscow, Soviet Metropolitan Nikolai and other church officials were criticized for spreading the notion that United States churchmen were controlled by millions. This accusation is contrary to truth. On the other hand, Patriarch of Moscow himself, the Russian Orthodox church the Soviet Union are truly controlled by the Soviet government and are serving its purpose. They have praised Stalin. They have distorted the truth in eyes of at least some of the Americans. That is the reason we, the Russians in America, not recognize the Patriarch Moscow. We shall have nothing whatsoever to do with his clan and we shall continue to be at liberty separate until the very when the Russian people will be liberated through the destruction of Communism in Russia. At present, as a separate Orthodox Christian church, we call ourselves The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.  
NIKON, Bishop of Florida

SOVIET LAYMAN TELLS  
WHO IS ALLOWED  
TO LEAVE RUSSIA

(Photographed from  
'Our Readers' Views of New York Journal American, April 28, 1956.)

**WASTE OF TIME**  
Eight Russian churchmen are due June 2 on an exchange tour designed to "remove the barriers existing between Christians in this country and Russia." This is a waste of time. Only special men, terrorized by the Communists, and having relatives in Russia, will be sent.  
RUSSIAN FARMER  
New York



A DELEGATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A. VISITED RUSSIA AND WAS RECEIVED BY METROPOLITAN NICOLAI. This page and the two following are photographic reproductions of pages 2, 3, and 4 of a pamphlet issued by the NCC entitled, "American Churchmen Visit the Soviet Union - Who Went and What Was Achieved . . ."

# the nine-man deputation



Mr. Paul B. Anderson, New York, (left) Associate Executive Secretary, International Committee of YMCAs.



Dr. Rowell P. Barnes, New York, the associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches.



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Philadelphia, Presbyterian Stated Clerk and President of National Council.

Also a member of the executive and central committees of the World Council of Churches.

Also president of the Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New Rochelle, N. Y., (left) President of the United Lutheran Church of America.

Dr. Herbert Conz, Newton Center, Mass., Baptist and President of Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Bishop D. Ward Nichols, New York, Presiding Bishop First District, African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Also a president of the World Council of Churches.

Deceased.



Mr. Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N. J., (left) Methodist layman and senior member of a N. Y. law firm.



Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Greenwich, Conn., Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.



Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Executive Director of the Council's Dept. of Int'l Affairs.



Metropolitan Nicolai, speaking through interpreter, takes group of National Council President Eugene C. Blake in welcome at airport.



Patriarch Alexei greets (from left) Bishop D. W. Nichols, Charles Barnes, Charles Parkin and Rev. W. Van Kirk as talks to...

# an historic precedent — why

1. To make manifest the spiritual fellowship which all Christians have in Christ.
2. To exchange views respecting the life and work of the churches in the United States and the Soviet Union.
3. To increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the two countries and thereby advance the cause of world justice and peace.

*Official*

*with agents of the FBI*

**T**HE VISIT of the National Council of Churches' deputation to Russia was planned almost a year in advance. In June 1955 the Council's governing General Board, responding to an appeal of the 1954 Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches, voted that a widely representative group of American church leaders visit the USSR "as a manifestation of the spiritual fellowship binding all Christians."

On instruction from the Board, the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Council President, proposed the visit in a letter to Patriarch Alexei, of the Russian Orthodox Church. A favorable reply, from Metropolitan Nicolai on behalf of the Patriarch, included this additional proposal: "We would also like to visit you and get acquainted with church life in America."

The National Council's General Board, convening in October, voted formal approval of the two-way visit.

The U.S. deputation left Idlewild Airport for Moscow by commercial airlines, March 9, 1956. In an unscheduled stop at Prague they were guests of Czech Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church leaders.

The next day the American churchmen reached Moscow, where Metropolitan Nicolai warmly greeted them at the airport. A busy week of conversations followed, punctuated by receptions, sightseeing and side trips by motorcade in the Moscow-area. The talks, held mainly at the 100 year-old residence of the Patriarch, brought the Americans into face-to-face contact with Russian and Armenian Orthodox churchmen, Russian Baptists and Lutherans from the Baltic States.

Due to the nature of the conversations the deputation was able to make only two side excursions—to the Orthodox religious center at Zagorsk where they met priests in training, and to Leningrad where they visited youth centers and worshiped at the Cathedral of St. Nicholas.

Ten days after their arrival the American churchmen left Moscow for home. Flying all the way, with an overnight stopover at Stockholm, they arrived back in New York, Friday, March 23.

# The Conversations

## THE AGENDA:

- What the churches of our respective countries have done and are doing to promote the cause of world peace.
- The freedom of our churches to fulfill their mission.
- The Christian faith and other religions.
- The Christian faith and modern science.
- Present trends in theological education in the U.S. and the USSR.
- Christian literature.
- Relations between the churches in the U.S. and the USSR.

**T**HE FIRST of the formal conversations opened in the 100-year-old Patriarchate. Tuesday, March 10, at noon as the nine American churchmen sat down at a roundtable with Metropolitan Nicolai and interpreters. Metropolitan Nicolai, who directs the foreign affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church, chose to represent alone the Orthodox Church in the initial session lasting two hours.

The conversations were continued thereafter on five different occasions at the Patriarchate and the Monastery at Zagorsk. All of the discussion items suggested in advance by the National Council's deputation had been accepted by the Russian churchmen. It was agreed that Metropolitan Nicolai would chair the first meeting, and thereafter the chairmanship alternated between the two delegations.

At one time or another the following religious leaders participated in the conversations:

His Eminence Nicolai, Metropolitan of Krutitsk and Kolomna  
Archpriest Konstantine I. Ruzhitsky,  
Rector of Moscow Theological Academy  
Professor Alezej Ivanovitch Ivanoff,  
Professor of Church History, Moscow Theological Academy  
Professor Lev Nikolaevitch Parliak,  
Inspector Leningrad Theological Academy  
Bishop Sergei, Starorussky and Novgorodsky,  
Vicar to the Metropolitan of Leningrad  
Archimandrite Pimen, Abbot of the Troitse-Serguievo Lavra  
Protopresbyter Nikolai Koltchitzky,  
Secretary of the Holy Synod  
Archpriest Igor Manouchitsky,  
Rector of the Church of John the Warrior  
Professor Alexei Ivanovitch Georgievsky,  
Professor of Liturgics, Moscow Theological Academy  
Archpriest Paul Sokolovskiy, Rector of a church near Moscow  
Bishop Yartan of the Armenian Church,  
Erichmiadzin, Soviet Armenia  
The Rev. Arsenian, Armenian priest in Moscow  
Professor Arcebelian, of Erchimadzin, Soviet Armenia  
Archbishop Gustav Terra, Lutheran Church of Latvia  
The Rev. Matulis, Lutheran Church of Latvia  
Archbishop Jan Kivi, Lutheran Church of Estonia  
Rev. Toomin, Lutheran Church of Estonia  
Jacob Ivanovitch Zhidkov, President of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists  
Aleksander Karov, General Secretary of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists

At the outset of the conversations Dr. Blake made a general introductory statement on behalf of the National Council's deputation. In the course of his remarks Dr. Blake referred to the action of the General Board in instructing its deputation "to extend our greetings in Christ to the leaders of the churches in the USSR and to assure them of our prayers that the God of Righteousness will lead the people of the United States and the Soviet Union into the paths of peace." Dr. Blake stressed the church-to-church character of the deputation's mission. "Our mission to you is a church mission," he said. "It is not a subsidiary supplement to national diplomacy. We come without any instructions from our government. . . . We are here as churchmen with a dedicated loyalty to the Risen Christ. It is in the context of the Christian Gospel, and the bearing of that Gospel upon the conduct of men and of nations that we embark upon these conversations."

Metropolitan Nicolai responded in a similar vein. He said he was quite pleased with Dr. Blake's statement and would see to it that each of the Russian conferees was given a copy. "We speak as Christians," he said, "basing our opinions on Christian grounds. If you are here without political instructions, so also are we. Our conversations will forge closer ties between us."

## The State of the Churches

On this question Metropolitan Nicolai spoke as follows:

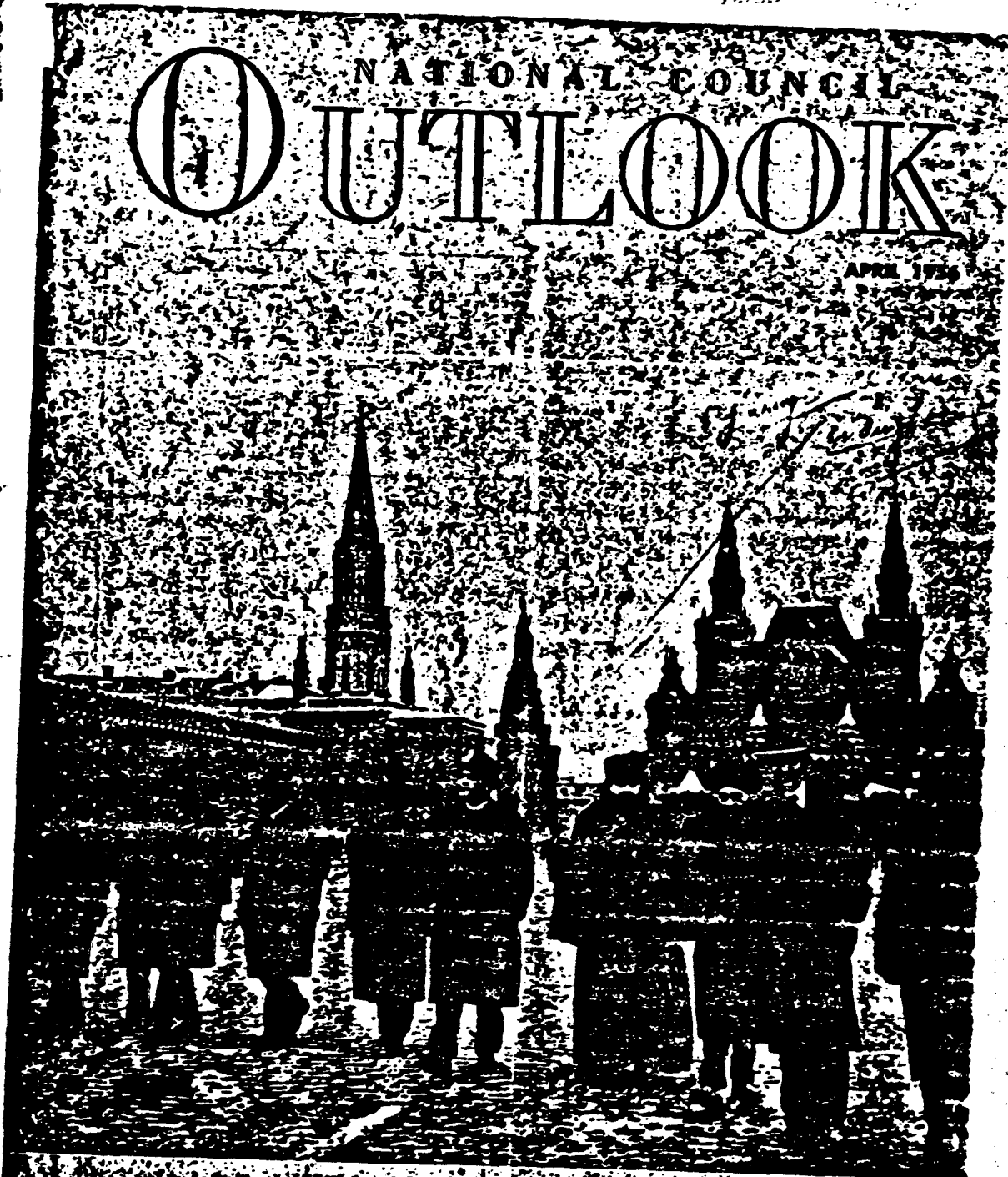
"In 1918 the Church was separated from the State. This was the beginning of a new epoch. Up to that time the Church was connected with the State, not in harmony, but in disharmony. The activities of the Church were cramped thereby. For an separation of Church and State means that the Christian Church does not mix in the affairs of the State, nor the State in the affairs of the Church. The Church is free of any financial aid from the State. Our churches and our devotional activities are paid for by the contributions of the faithful. The Church is separated from the school. Religion is not a subject in the school curriculum.

"How, then, do children receive religious instruction? In their homes, and in the churches where special discussions are held, particularly on Sunday afternoons. Preaching is a regular part of the Orthodox service, but on Sunday evenings there are special discussions on the meaning of the Church. Believing parents can invite priests to their homes in order to give religious instruction to children.



# NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK

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## U.S. Churchmen In Russia

This is the front cover of the official organ of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The following six pages are reproductions of pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 25, and parts of 26 and 28 of this same periodical, NCC's own report of the visit.



Historic moment in relations of churches in Russia and U.S. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake (at end of table) presides at formal conversations at Patriarchate in Moscow. Americans on left; Russians on right.

## American Churchmen in Russia

By DONALD C. BOLLES

The National Council of Churches' deputation to Moscow returned home March 23 after ten days of historic conversations with Christian leaders in the Soviet Union. Following is an account of the unprecedented visit, furnished via cable by Donald C. Bolles, OUTLOOK editor and director of the Council's Office of Public Relations, who accompanied the deputation.

His first cable reached the OUTLOOK from Prague, where the group made an unplanned stopover en route to Moscow. All other reports are from the Soviet Union, chiefly from Moscow, where the talks were held.

Prague, March 16—The deputation of American churchmen unexpectedly were afforded an opportunity to become acquainted with Christian leaders in Czechoslovakia. Arriving at the Prague airport Saturday afternoon (March 16), the churchmen were greeted by a delegation of eight under the leadership of Bishop John, head of the Eastern Orthodox Church in this country. Ministers

of the Evangelical Church of Czechoslovakia, the Lutheran and the Methodist Church joined in the welcome which included luncheon at the airport dining room.

The American group had planned to reach Moscow tonight but found that the Czechs had arranged an overnight stay. The 2,000-mile flight to Moscow starts at 7:30 Sunday morning, with arrival scheduled for four p. m.

The guests were escorted to the Hotel Alcron (Prague) where they stayed Saturday night. In the evening there was a supper party for 20, with toasts exchanged between Bishop John and Dr. Blake. The Bishop said: "The one thing that unites us is our love of mankind. We in Czechoslovakia desire to live in love and peace with other countries and we believe that the people of America have the same desire."

Dr. Blake said the U. S. deputation came with the utmost good will for the people of Czechoslovakia and he expressed the hope that the visit might promote increased understanding. "We come as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we all serve," he said.

Moscow, March 12—The deputation arrived by air from Prague at 5:15 Sunday afternoon (March 11), to be greeted cordially at the airport by Metropolitan Nikolay and other priests of the Russian Orthodox Church. The deputation had arisen at 5:00 a. m. in Prague for breakfast with a group of Czech church leaders. The takeoff at Prague was at 7:30, followed by a stopover at Vilna for luncheon in the airport restaurant. The deputation members slept most of time en route.

After an exchange of greetings as brothers in Christ between Metropolitan Nikolay and Dr. Blake, the deputation was escorted to its quarters in Moscow's Hotel Sovetskaya by the Orthodox leaders, and all sat down together for their first meal in the city.

The deputation got its first taste of the famous Russian ballet as guests of their Orthodox hosts, witnessing Pushkin's ballet "The Bronze Horseman," although they missed the first act, in the famous Bolshoi Theatre. They returned to the hotel for dinner and retired.

Arising Monday morning at 8:30, the NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK

deputation breakfasted with Russian Orthodox priests and spent the morning in a conference. At noon the American group, in a motorcade, visited the residence of Patriarch Alexei for an hour-long conference with Metropolitan Nikolay. After an exchange of greetings, Metropolitan Nikolay and Dr. Blake agreed that formal conversations should start at noon Tuesday (March 15) at the Patriarch's residence and, during the week, would include representatives of the Lutheran, Evangelical, Baptist and Armenian Churches. On the first day, it was agreed, the U. S. churchmen would talk only with representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church and that other Russian groups would join them on Wednesday. The Patriarch then greeted the delegation and Dr. Blake presented him with a silver bowl.

Moscow, March 14 — Sixty-four-year-old Metropolitan Nikolay, who directs foreign affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church, faced nine American churchmen seated at a roundtable in the 100-year-old Patriarchate today. The two-and-a-half-hour session was marked by the consideration of the agenda proposed by the National Council. Metropolitan Nikolay, who chose to represent alone the Orthodox Church in the initial session, presented a great contrast in appearance to his fellow-Christians from across the Atlantic. The nine Americans appeared in street clothes and the only evidence of identification with the church was the clerical collar of Bishop Sherrill, Dr. Blake, Bishop Nichols, Dr. Fry and Dr. Barnes. The Metropolitan wore a priest's robe, the headgear of his office, a white dzhubek, and around his neck a silver chain which reached to the waist, with a medallion of the Virgin Mary.

An interpreter sat at Metropolitan Nikolay's left, Dr. Blake at his right. The Metropolitan reads but does not speak English. First, Dr. Blake made the opening statement, then Metropolitan Nikolay outlined the organization and work of the Orthodox Church, with its 22,000 parishes and 25,000 priests, and agreed that 50 million was a fair estimate of its uncounted membership.

He said the separation of church and state in 1918 marked a new period in

the life of the church. He said further that today the church and state do not interfere in each other's affairs and that the church is self-supporting, that it receives no aid from the state. The church has a pension system for its priests, but the state cares for invalids, orphans and the indigent.

Relations between the church and state are on the basis of mutual benefit.

Dr. Van Kirk read a short statement outlining the determination of the churches of the National Council to work for world justice and peace. He made seven points about the churches' beliefs and efforts:

- 1) Belief that peace is the by-product of truth, freedom and righteousness;
- 2) Steadfast support of the United Nations;
- 3) Urging the UN to keep open the doors of international negotiation with the hope that tensions between the U. S. and Russia may be eased;
- 4) Support of efforts for international control of atomic energy and multi-lateral control of armaments through the UN;
- 5) Support of the European Recovery Program as a humanitarian endeavor, not a hostile act against Russia;
- 6) Support of the establishment and safeguarding of human rights;
- 7) Support of the goal of autonomy for all subject and colonial peoples.

Dr. Van Kirk said further that the churches will do everything possible to keep alive the hopes engendered by the Geneva Conference and to forge a bond of enduring friendship between the two countries.

An extended discussion followed concerning the World Peace Council and past statements that appeared to the deputation to be consistently in harmony with Soviet policies. The deputation emphasized that there can be no understanding without truth and that there was need to correct some statements made about American churches by the Russian Orthodox Church during the Korean action.

Metropolitan Nikolay said there was a time of tension then between the two countries which he insisted we must now forgive and forget.



(Top) Metropolitan Nikolay of the Russian Orthodox Church greets deputation at airport; (next to top) Patriarch Alexei, head of the Russian Orthodox Church, shows American churchmen around his residence in Moscow; (next to bottom) Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, speaks at Russian Orthodox service; (bottom) Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chairman of the deputation, sits with Russian Orthodox priests in Moscow. (Left to right) Dr. Blake, Archbishop Igor Maximovich, Paul B. Anderson and Archbishop Constantine Ruzhitsky. Pictures from Reuters.



(Top) In the Grand Kremlin Palace members of the Deputation sit in the Great Hall of the Supreme Soviet that has resounded to the voices of Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev. (Middle) The woman guide, Vera Miller, seldom has had a more attentive audience than when she led the deputation through the Tretyakov Art Museum. (Bottom) The deputation stroll through the subterranean corridor of the Kiyevskaya station of Moscow's modern subway "Metro." (At right) They attend a class in a Russian Orthodox theological seminary.

Bishop Sherrill said we have to speak what we believe is the truth in love. "If we had not wished for understanding, we would not have come." On that note the conversations were adjourned.

Moscow, March 15—Twenty-seven Christian leaders in the United States and Russia got acquainted today in the meeting-room of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church. Never before have such representative groups from both countries met, and they spent most of two two-hour sessions telling each other about the work of their own churches.

On the second day of the conversations initiated by the National Council, Dr. Blake presided at the session at the Patriarchate that included two Lutheran archbishops: Gustav Turs of Latvia and John Kiiivit of Tallin, Estonia; Bishop Vartan of the Armenian Church, and Vassili Jidkoff, President of the Council of the Union of Evangelical Baptists.

Metropolitan Nikolay was not present, but he sent nine others. The Metropolitan will attend when conversations are resumed Saturday with the entire group. Near the day's end, Bishop Sherrill opened discussion of the agenda item on "The Freedom of the Churches to Fulfill Their Mission," with an exposition of the complete freedom of American churches. Church-state separation, he reminded the group, was due largely to historical factors. Many of the early colonists came to America to find religious freedom, he said. There is no clerical party and no church uniformity. In the use of the ballot occasionally, he said, great moral issues arise and the churches act severally or in unison and do not hesitate to criticize actions of government—local, state or national.

"We feel there is a necessity not only to worship God in Christ and to make real the eternal joys set before the faith-

ful, but also to bring nearer that day when God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Moscow, March 16—Moscow Protestants jammed the Baptist Church, the only Protestant church in the city, tonight to greet the deputation, which shared the pulpit with the two pastors. On separate occasions in the past they have heard American Baptists and Quakers. Tonight they heard five brief sermons by men of five denominations—Dr. Blake, Dr. Fry, Dr. Anderson, Bishop Nichols and Dr. Gezork. Dr. Anderson spoke in Russian. Dr. Gezork in German. Two thousand worshippers jammed the two-floor church which has a capacity of 1,200, and the pastor said this is commonplace. There was a wall-to-wall sea of faces, mostly elderly and women, with few young people. The service lasted two and a quarter hours. The passing of the plate was like weaving through a crowd in Times Square. At the end, there was a moving scene when the congregation and a 75-voice mixed choir sang, in farewell to the deputation, "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," and all waved handkerchiefs.

Dr. Gezork said there is a great longing for peace by peoples all over the world, and the task of all who follow the Prince of Peace is to pray for the leaders of nations that they may work for peace. Bishop Nichols said that the spirit of brotherhood, and of meeting problems as Christians should, is more evident now than ever before in our nation. He added that many are unsympathetic, but the government is determined to give first-class citizenship to all citizens.

This was the climax of a long day with little rest. The day started with a 3 1/2-hour tour of the Kremlin; after two hours, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Blake and Mr. Parlin left to visit the People's Court. The members of the deputation



NATIONAL COUNCIL OUTLOOK

were honored guests at a seven-course luncheon for 30 given by Alexei at the Patriarchate. Guests included William A. McFadden, first secretary of the American Embassy, representing Ambassador Bohlen, and Georgi Karpoff, chairman of the Soviet Council for Affairs of the Orthodox Church. This was the first function in which government representatives were included. Patriarch Alexei and Dr. Blake exchanged cordial greetings and expressed the hope that good relations might be maintained between the two countries and their churches.

Moscow, March 17 — At 8:40 Friday the deputation got its first glimpse of the seminary life of the Russian Orthodox Church, taking a two-hour, 80-mile ride in a seven-car motorcade to the Troitse Sergievo Monastery at Zagorsk. Established in 1354, it has a storied history, as the monastery was once the home of Czar Boris Godunov, and successfully withstood the attack of the Tartars.

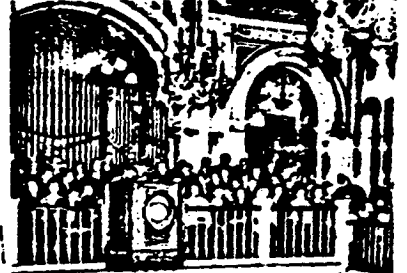
At the end of the first ride into the countryside the deputation was greeted by priests and several hundred curious men and women at the gates of the religious community, which serves as home for 100 monks and trains 220 men for the priesthood in the academy and seminary. We toured several churches, including Trinity, the oldest, built of white stone in 1384. The entourage included the staff, six American correspondents, four Moscow newspapermen, six press photographers, and a film crew of a dozen men. They brought a portable generator and installed Klieg lights all over the place. Correspondents



said that seldom has so much attention been paid to visiting Americans. Pravda and other press regularly carry fairly objective accounts.

Theological education was discussed, as the Academy was the scene of the fourth day of conversations. Drs. Gezork and Fry took the lead in discussion with Academy faculty, as Archpriest Constantin Rudzisky, rector, presided. The Orthodox Church currently trains 1,500 men for the priesthood in nine institutions, and more seek admission than can be accommodated. The number matriculating each year increases coincidentally with enlarged physical facilities. Once seminaries drew only from families of clergy, who could go to no other school. As a result, the output of the seminaries was small. The priest

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APRIL, 1956

(Upper) Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, with Paul Anderson acting as interpreter, brings best wishes of American churches to 2,000 Baptists who packed the double-decked church—the only Protestant church in Moscow—to greet the deputation. Aides were exhibited as the standees for the two-and-a-half-hour service filled every corner of the church. (Lower) Swedish glassware made in America is a good will present to the Lutheraans from the Baltic. (Left to right) Archbishop Gustav Tuor of Latvia, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake and Archbishop John Klivik of Estonia.

## U. S. Churchmen in Russia (Continued from page 7)

said that now they attract students from all walks of life. The curriculum once was concerned only with the intellectual side. Now, under Patriarch Alexei, an alumnus of Zagreb, attention is also paid to the practical side; and students receive training in all phases of parish life. Despite progressiveness culturally, the people are religiously conservative, and the more philosophical the sermons, the more worshippers ask, "Tell us about Jesus Christ."

Dr. Genork told them of the American shortage of ministers. The Protestant and Orthodox churches have to fill 15,000 vacant pulpits in the next 20 years. He estimated that there would be a gain of 75,000 ministers, with a 25-million increase in membership. Pastoral work, preaching methods, religious education and administration were new emphases in theological training. Dr. Fry said the printing press was a powerful help in keeping America's religious life alive and bright. He observed that any force that would deprive or restrict the church in its use would strike dangerously at the life of the church. U. S. churches published 230 serious books on theology last year, he said.

The Orthodox have no press. The present edition of the Bible was the first since 1917, and also a prayerbook. They stressed that they rely greatly on their priests and do not require a great volume of literature.

**Moscow, March 18**—The historic conversations between churchmen of the United States and Russia were concluded Saturday in an atmosphere of the utmost cordiality and good will. While many important differences remained, there was good prospect that the initial efforts to reestablish communication would pave the way for better relations between the churches of the two countries.

At the closing session Dr. Blake presented gifts to Metropolitan Nikolai, Bishop Vertan, the Lutheran Archbishop Tuz of Leningrad and Klivik of Estonia, and Dr. Jithoff of the Episcopate.

The possibility of a common Christian witness was envisaged in an exchange of memoranda by American and Russian churchmen in their closing session.

Metropolitan Nikolai formally replied Saturday morning to Dr. Van Kirk, and the latter submitted a memorandum that stressed several conditions for a just peace. The Russian Orthodox memorandum by the Metropolitan, in which other churches concurred, said:



The deputation leaves Idlewild Airport, New York, for Russia. Left to right, from top row: Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Paul B. Anderson, Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, and Donald C. Bellon, editor of the Outlook; on first step, Dr. Roswell F. Barnes; on second step, Dr. Herbert Genork and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry; at top of picture, Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill and Mr. Charles C. Purkin.

"We seek complete concurrence with our American brothers in Christ on basic questions concerning the defense of peace, rejection of aggression, on resolving international conflicts by peaceful means, reduction of armaments, struggle against atomic weapons and the very spirit of war. Together with you we believe in God's love, and cannot consider that war is inevitable."

Metropolitan Nikolai assured the Americans that the Russians were prepared to study further ways and means for a common front by Christians in preserving peace on earth.

Dr. Van Kirk expressed the hope that future conversations may consider the role of the United Nations, which was not mentioned by the Russians. Dr. Van Kirk stressed that the goals and means are morally important and inseparable. Peace is the fruit of righteousness and cannot be achieved apart from justice, human rights and fundamental freedoms. He also stressed that atomic weapons cannot be isolated from all other armaments, and distinction must be made between nations ready for self-determination and others. Some nations now do not have the degree of freedom and unencumbered self-determination for which they are ready. He reiterated that peace cannot be achieved apart from establishing and safeguarding human rights.

The Americans called Saturday noon, on invitation, upon Georgi Karpoff. He is the government liaison in relations with the Russian Orthodox Church, as another man is liaison for other religious bodies, including the Protestants. We pressed Karpoff concerning state barriers to Sunday schools, but got no satisfaction. Priests may teach an individual child in a family circle, but no classroom study is allowed. Education for those under 18 is reserved to the State.

Saturday the deputation had tea at Ambassador Bohlen's magnificent residence. Bishop Nichols presented him with a copy of *Freedom News Journal*, the first U. S. Negro newspaper, established a century ago.

Karpoff entertained us at a dinner honoring the deputation at the Hotel Metropole on Saturday. Bishop Sherrill said Americans cover no territory, seek only a peace, that is the fruit of righteousness, for our children and grandchildren. Embassy Secretary, William Davis said Ambassador Bohlen, who made a brief appearance, not only hopes, but has confidence that the churchmen's visit will build better relations between the two nations, churches and peoples. Karpoff, in a similar vein, stressed the first visit by representatives of American churches, deplored the short visit.



On film and sound for newsreel, TV and radio, questions of the delegation of the National Council of Churches to their visit to Moscow were recorded upon their arrival at Idlewild Airport in New York. Dr. Blake speaks for the delegation.

and urged many times that they come again. All conversation participants, including the Patriarch and Metropolitan Nikolay, were present at the dinner, which was served in the most lavish Russian manner.

On Sunday, seven members of the delegation went out into the countryside to services in an Orthodox church at Udainsky and found that 75 babies were being baptized. In a packed church they watched the baptism of 19 and later had lunch with the priest in his home.

The Baptist member of the delegation, Dr. Conner, preached in the Baptist church in Moscow and was presented with a photograph album as a farewell present. He spoke in German and his sermon was translated into Russian by the interpreter.

Bishop Sherrill presided at a special morning prayer and communion service for Anglicans in the British Embassy. U.S. Ambassador Bohlen participated by reading a lesson from the Bible. He later entertained Bishop Sherrill at dinner at his residence.

After the church service at the Orthodox Cathedral on Sunday evening, the delegation took a night train for a one-day visit to Leningrad.

Leningrad, March 19—The delegation had a ten-hour whirlwind tour of Leningrad today as guests of Metropolitan Elevation, successor to Gregory who died in December and is buried in the Metropolitan's residence. Bishop Sherrill

once entertained Gregory in New York in 1947.

Greeted at the airport by Bishop Roman and others, the delegation drove to the Astoria Hotel, where they were given rooms for the day. After breakfast they walked around the magnificent church of St. Isaac with its majestic gold-leafed dome and the monument to St. Peter, the city's founder, on the bank of the Neva. They called upon the Metropolitan at the Alexander Nevsky Monastery and spent two hours visiting the Leningrad Academy where the church's future priests are educated.

The Palace of the Pioneers, a combination vocational, cultural and recreational center for youth, provided an insight into the youth training program of the communists. Twice a week children come here from school to play and to learn. In this center they have a chance to sample the sciences, arts and trades in determining their life's work. The center included a science hall as fascinating as New York's Hayden Planetarium, wood and metal workshops, dining room, game room and dance hall. To the strains of music provided by a ten-piece band, members of the delegation engaged in folk dancing with six-year-old boys and girls, to the delight of the children and their instructors.

We attended a service at the St. Nicholas Cathedral; it was the first day of Lent of the Orthodox calendar.

Departed from Leningrad at midnight by train for Moscow.

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Moscow, March 20—The delegation said its goodbyes to fellow-Christians in Russia today, as it plans to depart early Wednesday for home via Helsinki and Stockholm. We will be in Stockholm at the Hotel Mahsen, and arrive in Idlewild Friday morning.

We paid a visit to the Patriarchate, and Dr. Blake thanked Patriarch Alexei and Metropolitan Nikolay and received from the Patriarch a large liturgical cross.

Dr. Barnes and Dr. Van Kirk paid calls on Rabbi S. Schieffer, Moscow Central Synagogue and president of Moscow's Hebrew Religious Committee. He told the Americans that Judaism has no central organization in the city or in the country and therefore an estimate of their strength was difficult. There were probably 2,000,000 in Russia, and 300,000 of them in Moscow now. He said his group had no difficulty in getting worship materials printed.

The Moscow conversations were the opening phase of a two-way visit that will bring a Russian Christian delegation, of similar representativeness, to the United States in early June as guests of the National Council of Churches.



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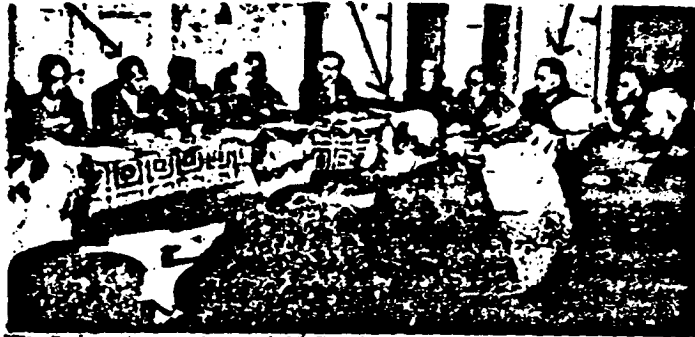
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Communist Hromadka, Czechoslovakia

Malta, President NCC

Pry, Chairman, Central Committee WCC.



The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches

The WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES includes in its membership communist-controlled churches from the Iron Curtain countries. Delegates from these churches, communist-appointed, including members of the communist parliament, have been elected by the Council to serve on its Central and Executive Committees.

## HUNGARY

*Lajos Valo*, member of the Central Committee of the World Council, is the publisher of the communist Hungarian Church Press, director of the Lutheran Church, a member of the Communist Party and a member of the Communist Parliament of Hungary.

*Albert Bereczky*, chairman of the Ecumenical Council of Hungary, was a communist leader in the underground and is chairman of the committee to receive the World Council's Central Committee in Budapest, July 28-August 5, 1956. Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the liberation of Budapest, Bereczky said: "A rich, abundant, flourishing, powerful new life surrounds us, and we decided, as a Church, to regard this new, pulsating, hopeful life as the gift of God's grace which we modestly and humbly try to promote with our helpful ministrations."

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

*JOSEF HROMADKA*, THE NO. 1 DEFENDER OF COMMUNISM, is a spokesman for the Red world in the World Council of Churches. As a member of an official delegation to Moscow, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Revolution, he declared, "There exists a much purer, more genuine, healthier, and uncorrupted atmosphere than in the West."

In July, 1958, he received the first Czechoslovak Communist Peace Award from the hands of the president. While in the United States in 1954, he confessed that he had been a member of the Communist Party. While in Australia in 1956 he said, "I BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE BOTH A COMMUNIST AND A CHRISTIAN."

The PLEDGE required of the communist government of every religious worker in Czechoslovakia reads:

"I promise on my honor and conscience to be faithful to the Czechoslovak Republic and to its people's democratic order, and I shall not undertake anything contrary to its interests, security and integrity. As a citizen of the people's democratic State, I shall conscientiously perform the duties inherent in my office and I shall do anything within my ability to support the efforts at (social) reconstruction for the welfare of the people."

The GOVERNMENT subsidizes the churches and pays the salaries of its clergy who mouth the communist line as the Gospel.

*Jan Chabada*, a leader in the Communist Party, is the Bishop of the Lutheran Church and is now a member of the Central Committee of the World Council. A bishop who was never elected, he was appointed to his position by the communists.

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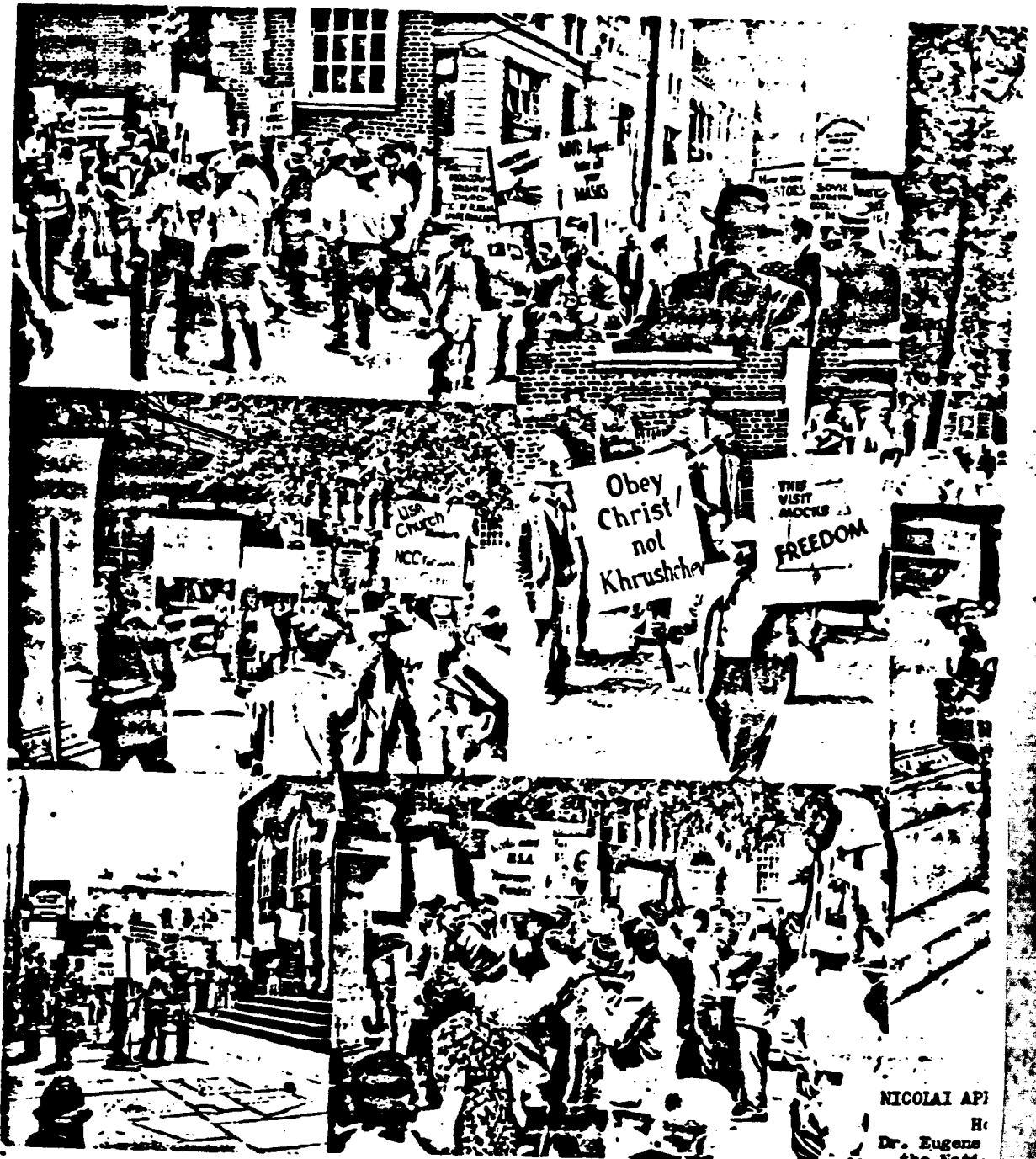
The Lutheran Church is headed by the communist-appointed *Bishop Kotula*, a member of the World Council's Central Committee. He has directed the activities of the church in complete submission to the Party line.

These communists have infiltrated the church and operate with the approval of Western church leaders.

They Promote propaganda for coexistence between the East and West, Testify to Marxism as a substitution for the Gospel, Propagandize for the Party line in foreign affairs, Influence the decisions and resolutions adopted, which frequently present Party line propaganda, and are handed down through the inner channels of the Western churches and published in their church literature as the voice of the church.

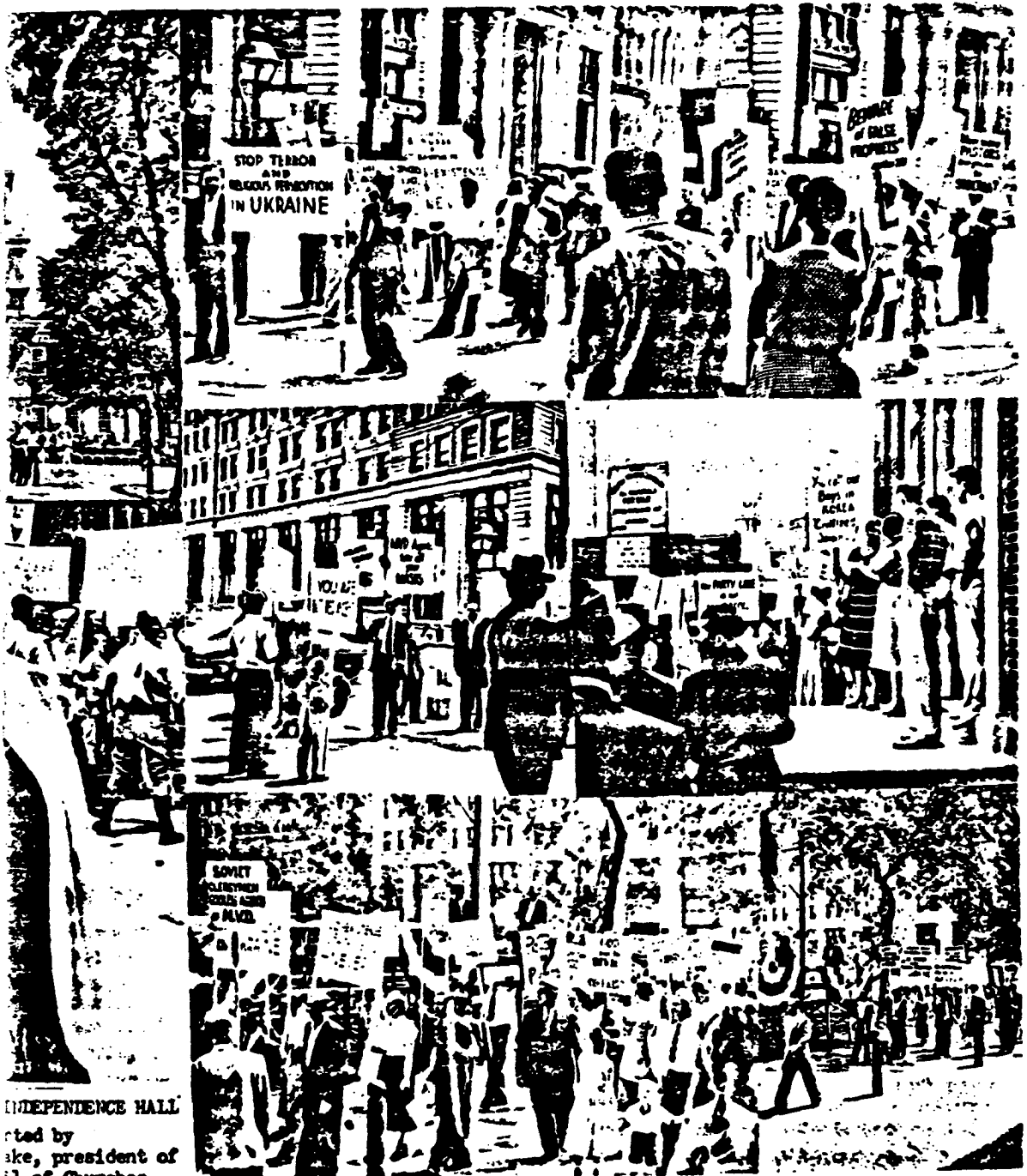
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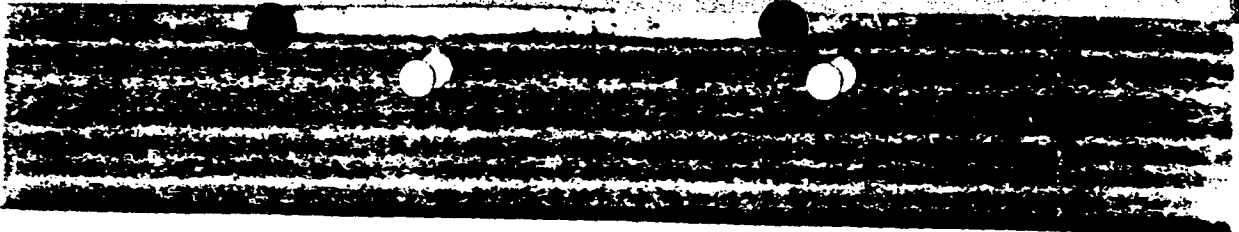


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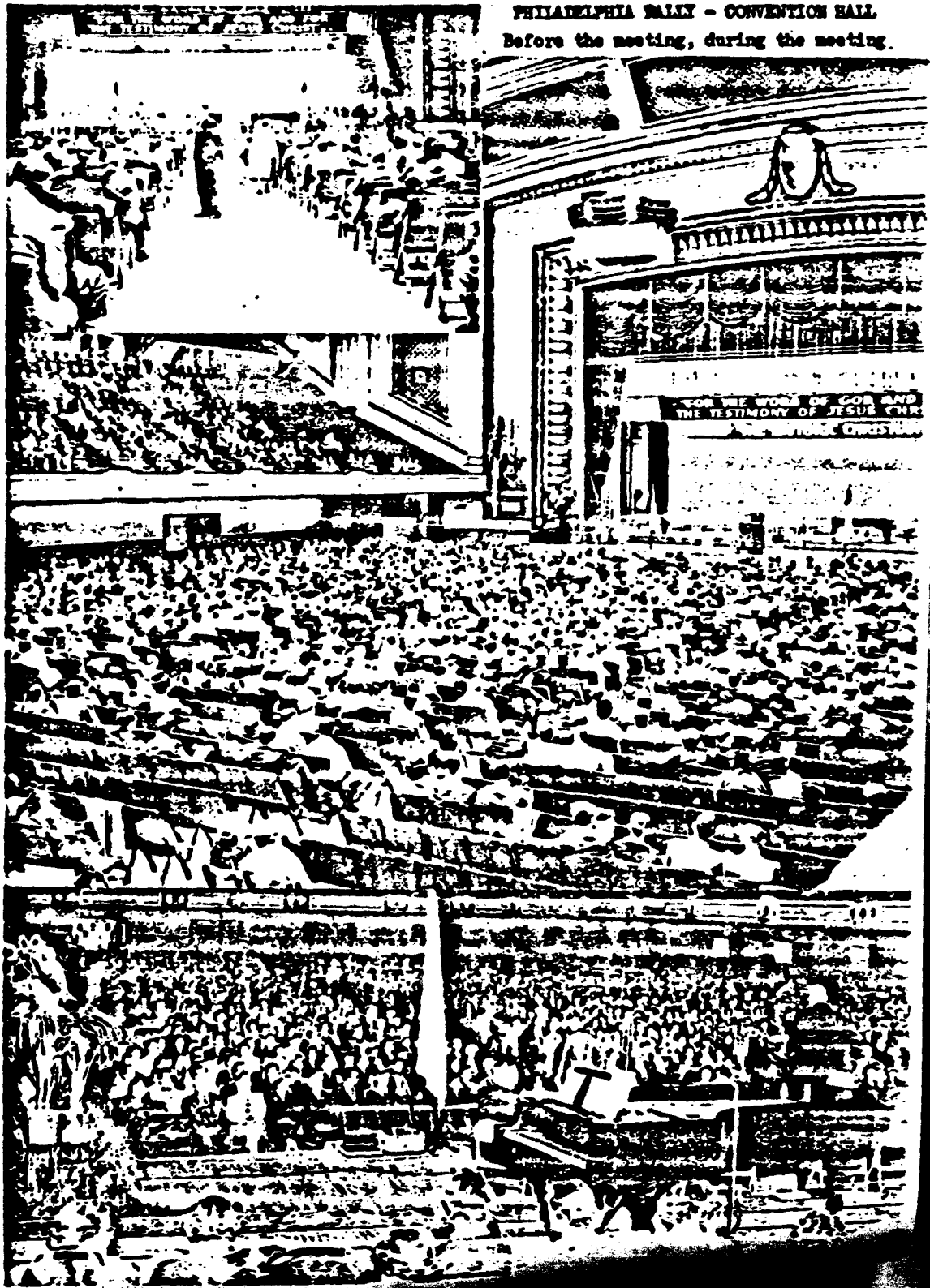
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## ENTERTAINING THE RED CLERGY

Address delivered at Protest Rally on Friday evening, May 4, 1956, in  
Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

By the Rev. Carl McIntire, D.D.

*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness. . . . Woe unto them . . . which justify the wicked for reward. . . . Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.*

—Isaiah 5:20

The Christian people of America are to be presented with the strangest spectacle ever offered to them in the name of the Church. Eight churchmen from Russia, who are the agents of Khrushchev and Bulganin, are to be honored guests of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Reds, in their drive for world power, have won their greatest single victory in the field of propaganda by using the churches. Atheistic, materialistic, anti-Christ Communism holds in the iron grasp of its fist the churches in the lands which it has conquered, and it is now using them, together with the churches of the West, for its own revolutionary ends. In the name of better understanding, peace, and brotherhood, the National Council of Churches has responded to the overtures of the Reds, for this top level exchange.

The Russians used the visit of the United States churchmen to Moscow for propaganda purposes, and the Russians will use the visit of their own churchmen to the United States further to advance their falsehoods. Peaceful coexistence is their theme song and they are practicing it in the highest levels of the Christian churches. If the churches of the world will accept peaceful coexistence with the Communist-controlled churches of Moscow, then the free nations of the Western world have set before them the example of peaceful coexistence which they, too, should follow to their own utter destruction.

We come in the name of Christ, in the name of all that the Scriptures teach concerning the witness and testimony of the church, to protest this betrayal on the part of these American churchmen. It is a betrayal of our Western concepts of freedom and it is a betrayal of the testimony of the historic church. Evil is to be called good, and the red carpet is to be rolled out to justify these wicked clergy from Moscow for reward.

The nine churchmen who went to Moscow were: Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches and chairman of the delegation; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran Church; Paul B. Anderson, International Committee of YMCA; Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, National Council of Churches; Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Protestant Episcopal Church; Charles Coolidge Parlin, Methodist layman; Dr. Herbert Geork, Andover Newton Theological Seminary; and Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, National Council of Churches. They brought back a unanimous report—they had been successful; a beginning had been made. And the literature of the denominations of the National Council of Churches has been filled with pictures, reports, and praise of what was accomplished by these messengers from America.

The eight clergymen who are to arrive in the United States on June 2 are: Metropolitan Nicolai, head of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church and second in its hierarchy; Archbishop Konstantine Ruzhitsky, president of the Moscow Ecclesiastical Academy and Seminary; Prof. Vladimir Ivanovich Talizin of the Russian Moscow Theological Seminary; Archbishop Jan Kirvia, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia (U.S.S.R.); Rev. Alexei Leonidovitch Andreev, vice-president of the All-Union

Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists; Rev. Alexei Nicolaevitch Karpov, pastor of the Moscow Evangelical Christian Baptist Church; Russian Orthodox Archpriest Michael Slavniusky of Leningrad; and a representative of the Armenian Orthodox Church.

We protest their coming. We protest their collaboration in the name of the Christian religion. We protest the National Council's inviting them, and pretending to the American public that they are worthy of Christian fellowship.

## THE COMMUNIST CONTROL OF THE CHURCHES

In the book, *The Communist War on Religion*, by Gary MacEoin, Mr. MacEoin declares that "Communist agents trained in theology and masquerading as priests are being infiltrated into the Orthodox Church in Russia as well as in the satellites" (p. 11). Again, "In the summer of 1949 it was reported that 3,000 special agents had been trained in Russia to go to the West disguised as ministers of religion. The Desinform had been created as a special office of international religious affairs within the Cominform, and it had established training schools in Moscow, in the Crimea, at Constantza in Rumania, and at Sigulda in Latvia. This information was elaborated in London in January 1951 by Bishop Ivan Bucko, the only Ukrainian bishop to escape from the Russians. He stated that the Orthodox Metropolitan had in one year ordained as priests about 40,000 agents of the secret police to disrupt religion within Russia and in the satellites" (p. 13).

Such reports are known in the Western world and the leaders of the National Council of Churches are not ignorant concerning them.

Now, for the good of the country, the Senate Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, dealing with internal security, on April 12, heard the testimony of Yuri Rastvorov, for 11 years a member of the MVD. Under oath he declared that General Georgi Carпов was the leader of the Soviet Secret Police in charge of all religion in Russia! He said (I quote): "Major General Carпов, he was the head of the so-called Religion Section in MVD headquarters. Simultaneously he occupied the post of chairman of Religion Committee of Council of Ministers of U.S.S.R." Carпов, he explained, sent many secret police agents into the seminaries who later became bishops in the church. He said: "As you know, the church in the Soviet Union is not independent as, at the present time, the Soviet Union government is trying to prove it is completely dependent on the State, and the State conducts all activities of the church in the Soviet Union."

One question which I would like to have answered is: When such testimony as this is given under oath and in such detail, why do not the church leaders in the National Council of Churches recognize it? And, furthermore, why does not our Government in Washington, particularly President Eisenhower and the State Department, give some credence to such testimony?

The American Council of Christian Churches, meeting last week in Fort Worth, Texas, sent the following telegram to President Eisenhower:

TO THE PRESIDENT  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

"The American Council of Christian Churches in session here commends your stand in yesterday's press conference in declining an invitation to Bulganin and

Khrushchev to visit our kind.

"This Council requests that you take the necessary steps to cancel the visas for the clergymen in Moscow scheduled to come to America June 1st on the grounds of the testimony given April 12th before the Senate Subcommittee investigating Internal Security. Rastvorov testified that the church in Russia is under complete control of the secret police and that agents as bishops run the church. We feel that such testimony must either be heeded by our Government or some justifiable explanation be given to us by you for ignoring it.

"We would appreciate a reply. We cannot as a Council of Churches sit idly by and permit the Reds to use the churches to promote their sinister purposes of world revolution. This action is unanimous."

No reply has come.

In the diary kept by Donald Bolles, press representative of the National Council of Churches, while they were in Moscow, he reports, March 18, that the American delegation was the special guest of Carпов (Karpov) at a sumptuous banquet. Thus the clergymen representing 35 million people in the United States sat down to a dinner, with their host being none other than a Major General of the Secret Police. According to the diary, he "deplored the short visit, and urged many times that they come again." Why not, when the church leaders are so gullible that they will permit a Major General of the Secret Police of the Communist Government to entertain them "in the most lavish Russian manner"?

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### THE LIES OF METROPOLITAN NICOLAI

The chairman of the delegation who is to be received in the United States is Metropolitan Nicolai, the second top ranking clergyman in Moscow. He is also the founder and leader of the Communist World Peace Council. He is the father of the Stockholm Peace Petition cited as "Communist" by our Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in an interim statement issued on the Communist Peace Petition Campaign, July 13, 1950. In truth, the leader of the Communist world peace movement is the chairman of the delegation, who is coming to our country representing the church. But, since the American clergy visited him, he went off in his usual way to a peace mission in Stockholm, April 7-10, where he attended another session of the Communist World Peace Council, and the same line which they have been preaching through the years was again reiterated.

The leading world propagandist for the Soviet "peace" line is Metropolitan Nicolai! The *Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate* contains his unceasing attacks upon the United States. In July, 1950, he warned:

"Together with all the honest citizens of the entire world the Soviet people tell the instigators of war, the Anglo-American heads of imperialistic reaction: our wish for peace is inflexible; we, and all the nations marching with us, will fight for peace selflessly and heroically, to the end, to victory! And grievous will be the wrath, merciless the reckoning if you will dare to violate the peace won at high cost!"

In August, 1950, the Patriarch of Moscow together with Metropolitan Nicolai addressed the Security Council of the United Nations:

"It is clear to the whole world that there was interference in the internal affairs of the Korean people on the part of the United States of America, whose leaders widen their military activities more and more and aim to draw other governments into these actions against Korea.

"The Russian Orthodox Church decisively condemns this interference and the inhuman extermination of the peaceful population of Korea taking place by the American air force. It insistently calls, in the name of Christ—the Saviour of the world, for the cessation of violence and bombing, for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea and for the complete ending of the illegal war."

On October 17, 1950, Nicolai again lashed forth against the United States. He said of the Russian Or-

thodox Church that it wholeheartedly participated "with all the citizens of our great Homeland in the signing of the Stockholm Proclamation, the condemnation through the press of American aggression in Korea. . . .

"All mankind must condemn aggression, no matter what its source, armed interference from without in the internal affairs of countries, and, in particular, must condemn the criminal, barbaric aggression of the USA in Korea. . . .

"The Russian Orthodox Church, preaching peace and love, absolutely repudiates any interference of any government in the internal affairs of another country and asks that she be put in the front rank of those fighting for this holy right of nations to the freedom of their lives. The bestial, bloody aggression of the USA in Korea must be stopped immediately."

The Metropolitan delivered one of his most vicious attacks against the United States in March, 1951. He wrote:

"The great blasphemy, from the Christian point of view, is the fact that these people call themselves Christians. It does not fit into the bounds of reason and of conscience, how all these Trumans, Achesons, and Dulles, returning home from their offices, where they have just been bending over the maps of future devastation and murder, put on black frock coats and in the circle of their families read the Bible!"

Again: "The demagogic wails of American propagandists are known, with which they try to cover up the bestial grin of imperialism revealed to the whole world."

Again: "Hitler and his servants might well have envied General MacArthur and his fellow-champions in the Korean aggression.

"Apparently, the bestial aspect of imperialism can change only in one direction—become still more ferocious, dreadful, merciless."

He called the Americans "bandits," and declared:

"Waves of protest and indignation against the American aggression in Korea and the evil deeds of the occupation; against the attempts to loosen a new world war by means of blocs, pacts, the remilitarization of Germany and Japan; against the exploitation of the UN by the United States of America as a weapon of aggression—roll over the entire world. This indignation against the rulers who have lost their reason and will, dragging people towards the precipice, can be heard in numberless petitions, sent to parliaments and ministries."

This is the preacher from Moscow who heads the delegation, who now is to be received with all the gracious kindness due a great clergyman by the top leaders of the National Council of Churches.

In 1955, Nicolai was awarded the Red Flag Order of Work from the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union because of his active participation in the fight for peace. When the Communist, Bishop Albert Berestyky, from Hungary, congratulated him, Metropolitan Nicolai wrote back:

"I am greatly gratified by the echo which this event of my life has called forth from you. It strengthens me in the recognition that the efforts and conceptions of our churches in the defence of peace are identical.

"My efforts are feeble and my modest contribution is insignificant, yet the sublime purpose of our common work and the great significance of our united endeavors fill me with the firm hope that we shall see the fruit of our work."

And all this was written about the time of the negotiations for the coming of the United States churches to Moscow to be received by the Metropolitan. It has been less than a year. Even after the invitations were accepted the Metropolitan sent a letter to the executive committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Australia, which had the same Communist line.

Are the churches of the West to believe Dr. Blake when he tells us that such leaders as the Metropolitan are allies with us in the fight against materialism? It



is at this point that the American churchmen have been deceived. It is our earnest plea that they shall not deceive the Christian people of America.

The Bible says, "For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." Metropolitan Nicolai, who has lied about our nation, and the Christian people of our land, and who has reaffirmed and repeated these lies, through the years, is just as much a liar before Western civilization when he tries to tell Dr. Blake that things are different now. The Red clergy cannot be trusted any more than the Communists can be trusted. The Western world must learn that it cannot trust a Communist. Here is a strange spectacle indeed! Though the Communists have never kept their word, and after one thousand transgressions, do we still hope that they will issue a word some day which they will keep? It would appear from the public policy which is being pursued in our nation that we are hoping that some day we, the Communists will issue a word which can be trusted. For world peace to rest upon such a flimsy hope leaves us in the darkest despair. The road to peace is along a different path from trusting Communism!

Coming with the Metropolitan is Archbishop Jan Kiivit, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia. His predecessor, Johan Kopp, fled as a refugee to Sweden. He continues in exile. Kiivit blows the same "red" trumpet that the Metropolitan sounds. In May, 1952, he declared, before one of the "peace" conferences: "The American and English imperialists abuse in a shameful way the Christian faith as a cloak for their endeavors to enslave the people and to usurp the territory of other countries for themselves. We, on the other hand, protest, that they make of the Christian faith a screen for an infamous action. We protest, when the neofascist theorists will justify the employment of superrockets, of bacteria warfare, of deadly, poisonous weapons, of stocks of atom and H-bombs, whereby they refuse on principle mercy, love, and humaneness."

The National Lutheran Council, in reporting Kiivit's coming, says that he was known, before he entered the ministry, for "his atheistic way of thinking and was a great admirer of Nietzsche." It was, therefore, a "great surprise" when he chose theology as his field of study. In his speech, to which we referred, he spoke of the peace conference of 1950 and then 1951. He appealed for all religions, in every country, to work together as one man to reach the goal of world peace. "It is your duty," he emphasized. "The church in the USSR is reaching out the hand of fellowship to all the peoples of the whole world."

### III.

#### RED INFILTRATION OF THE CENTRAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The relaxation of the antireligious campaign against the church in Moscow is explained, we believe, in the desire of the Communists to use the church, particularly in the World Council of Churches, for its subversive ends. The supreme victory of the Communists in all fields of their activity has come in connection with the World Council of Churches. They have so successfully infiltrated this organization that their agents are recognized as brilliant Christian leaders, are received into the highest levels of the Council to advise and to vote on the policies of the body, and attacks made upon them are immediately challenged by their Western brethren. In fact, the best defenders of these Red clergymen in the World Council are the leaders in the Protestant churches in the United States. When the Reds can have their agents openly recognized and have the clergy of the West defend them in their activities, they have won their major victory.

When the World Council of Churches was formed in 1948, churches from behind the Iron Curtain, controlled by the secret police, were received on an equal basis with the free churches of the West. In Hungary, for instance, Albert Bereczky, a Communist operating in the underground, was appointed head of the Reformed Church by the Communists when they took over. Bereczky then led in removing the faithful pastors. He turned the church schools over to the state, appointed Communist leaders to be pastors, and brought the church under

complete control. Bereczky's church was received into fellowship at Amsterdam, and he himself was appointed a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches. He then led in the organization of the ecumenical council, or National Council of Churches in Hungary, and is its president. He and those associated with him spend their time promoting the Communist cause. Delivering the Tenth Anniversary Address on the occasion of the so-called "liberation" of the capital, he said: "In the course of these ten years, first of all, we had to decide in the vital question whether the Church will hunker back for the doomed and shattered old order or will so courageously choose the new."

"The most palpable example of our renewed life is our capital where even the problems and difficulties are but indications of the enrichment of life. A rich, abundant, flourishing, powerful new life surrounds us, and we decided, as Church, to regard this new, pulsating, hopeful life as the gift of God's grace which we modestly and humbly try to promote with our helpful ministrations."

The Church is completely dedicated to Communism when it calls it "the gift of God's grace." Bereczky led the move that took Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and other Western clergymen to Budapest to receive their honorary degrees from the Communist-controlled theological academy. Bereczky extended the invitation to the World Council of Churches to meet in Budapest, and their central committee will meet July 25 to August 6 in Budapest, with Bereczky chairman of the entertainment committee.

The publisher of the *Hungarian Church Press* is Lajos Veto, a member of the Communist Parliament, bishop of the Lutheran Church and a member, today, of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

The top Communist clergy, constantly in the forefront of this collaboration, include also Bishop Janos Peter, who just returned from a tour of Communist Red China and his lectures in Peking. Dr. Imre Kadar is editor of the *Hungarian Church Press*, and Laszlo Pap, another member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, is a frequent writer.

The story in Czechoslovakia is the same. There Josef L. Hromadka is the chief leader and from his many excursions into the West he always returns with glowing reports of his accomplishments in behalf of the new order of "brotherhood" represented in Communism. He was received into the World Council, together with his church, in Amsterdam, in 1948, and now sits not only on the central but also on the executive committee of the World Council of Churches as the spokesman for the East. The line which he preaches is the line which has been accepted by the World Council of Churches:

1. That peaceful coexistence is Christian.
2. That religious leaders, dwelling under different political systems, may fellowship together in a council.
3. That the alternatives today are atomic warfare or peaceful coexistence.

This is the Bulganin-Khrushchev line. This has been accepted by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, which lobbies at the United Nations in the name of the World Council of Churches. Communist Veto is a member of this Commission, along with Josef Hromadka. The fallacy in this line is, of course, that Communism is not just a differing economic and political system which itself coexists. Communism does not coexist, but destroys and conquers. The political and economic order of the Communist system is based upon an atheistic view of God and a materialistic view of man. A true Christian rejects both.

In Poland the story is the same, with Karol Kotula, a member of the WCC's central committee, running the church as a Bishop for the Lutherans with an iron hand, and repeating the Communist line as it is handed to him from Moscow. Yet these leaders sit down side by side in the central committee of the World Council of Churches with Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, and other

top American clergy, in Christian fellowship and brotherly co-operation as they make their plans and carry on the leadership of the Council throughout the world.

The impact of all this can be seen in what happened at Evanston in 1954. Eleven Red clergymen came over here from behind the Iron Curtain. Janos Peter at least was one of the members of the secret police who was in their party. When the Evanston Assembly divided up into six sections, these men were so apportioned that they were found to be represented in each section. In the session dealing with International Affairs, Hromadka was opposed to fight for his arguments and reasons for peaceful coexistence, and this battle he won, though they finally called it "Living Together in a Divided World." The line of the Communists was incorporated in this document which, when received, was presented in the churches of the world for study. The section dealing with "A Responsible Society" also had these Communists in it, and this report came out with commendation for the churches behind the Iron Curtain and in the WCC for their loyalty to Christ. Yet Hromadka and those associated with him, in his country, had taken a solemn oath to their own land. That oath reads:

"I promise on my honor and conscience to be faithful to the Czechoslovak Republic and to its people's democratic order, and I shall not undertake anything contrary to its interests, security and integrity. As a citizen of a people's democratic State, I shall conscientiously perform the duties inherent in my office and I shall do everything within my ability to support the efforts at [social] reconstruction for the welfare of the people" (Decree No. 219, Sec. 19).

Naturally these churchmen went back behind the Iron Curtain and read from their pulpits these pronouncements of the World Council of Churches and sang their praises. It was what they wanted. It established more securely in the minds of the populace that the churches of the West were accepting a line similar to the one which they as supporters of Communism preach.

All of this now has been handed down through the churches in the United States, and on Pentecost Sunday especially these documents have been circulated through the churches for their study. Excerpts and quotations from them have appeared in church magazines, Sunday school literature, and other journals published by the different denominations. The World Council of Churches is leading the churches into unity and into a one-world church which will be the handmaid and companion of a one-world government. All of it is coming from the top down, with the Communists at the top, getting their line incorporated in the documents used in the churches of the West. It is a victory of the first importance for the Communists in their struggle for men's minds.

#### IV.

#### RESTRICTION UPON LIBERTY

In our struggle to expose this condition and to protest the coming of these Red clergy, we have run into a condition in the United States which is most helpful to the Communists. In fact, the churches have become the privileged sanctuary of the Communists. They are protected and shielded there because it is "the church." The message of which the International Council of Christian Churches submitted to the newspapers of Philadelphia announcing this great gathering was prepared for us by an advertising agency. It stated briefly the purpose of our meeting and declared that "Red" clergy were coming to this country. The *Inquirer*, the *Daily News*, the *Common Courier*, carried the ad without question. But the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* refused. They demanded that certain changes be made in the ad. A letter explaining the position of the paper signed by the managing editor, Walter Lister, said:

"I should like to explain that it is a long-standing policy of The Bulletin to decline to publish advertising which may be deemed to be in violation of public morality."

1) Changing "8 Top Red Church Leaders" to "3 Top Russian Church Leaders."

2) Eliminating the statement, "Hear About Reds Infiltrating Central and Executive Committees of World Council of Churches," by substituting the question, "Are the Reds Infiltrating?" and eliminating, "How About Collaboration with Iron Curtain Propagandists?" This to be changed to, "Is There Collaboration With Iron Curtain Propagandists?"

3) "The Reds are using your church!" This had to be eliminated entirely, and the emblem which was used in all the ads, a church with a steeple and a shadow of the hammer and sickle hanging over the steeple, had to come on.

The *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, whose editor has been president of the Associated Press, declined to carry these statements which the International Council desired to pay to have published because it believes they are true and it has the documentation to sustain their truthfulness.

Thus the church, protected and shielded, becomes the most advantageous place in America for the Communists to work, for when the controversy arises over the presence of Communists or collaboration with Communists in the churches, the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin* declines to carry an ad announcing a great Protest Rally protesting these facts.

Let the Christian people in the Philadelphia area and over the land soberly reflect upon this situation. It calls for more vigorous protest. To those in free America in the churches or in the press who differ on this issue, I say, Don't try to suppress us; answer us. If our facts are not true, show us! But let freedom rule. Freedom will bring its own blessed fruit before a freedom-loving nation. Suppression on this issue of Communist infiltration aids the dark world of Marxism.

God says, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil" (Isa. 5:20). The confusion that confronts the West in dealing with the Communist peril comes from its compromising moral standards. Individuals and nations must be guided by the moral laws set forth in the Ten Commandments, and the Almighty judges them by this standard.

The National Council of Churches, in receiving as its guests these Communist agents robed in the garb of the church, are calling evil good. The twist is disastrous to our freedom and to the faith.

The Bible says, "Woe unto them . . . which justify the wicked for reward" (Isa. 5:22, 23). The National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches are justifying the Communist clergy for honor and reward when they receive them in the World Council into their highest circles and honor their persons and their conduct in subjecting the church to the tyranny of Communism. We shall bear the solemn "Woe" of Almighty God against such iniquity!

The National Council's leaders are making friends of those whom the true Christians in Iron Curtain countries have resisted at the cost of their lives. The National Council's leadership represents a Christianity which enters to Communist power rather than to obedience to the commands of God! We are facing the leadership of an organized apostasy, and the call that goes forth from the Word of God is that men must return again to the Bible, must heed its standard of righteousness, must submit to its judgments against sin, and look to the living and true God for deliverance and blessing.

Thirty-five million Americans are represented by the National Council of Churches.

LOS ANGELES PROTEST MEETING - SHRINE AUDITORIUM  
Singing, saluting flag, receiving literature at door, listening to addresses



and by carrying on collaboration and exchanges which encourage and aid Communist propaganda. The road to peace and freedom is not by pampering or appeasing Communism or waiting for some gratuitous concession from the throne of the Communists!

We call upon every Christian to protest this collaboration, to protest the coming of these Red clergymen; and we call upon God's people to renounce and to separate themselves from the National Council of Churches to join in a great return to the truth of the Gospel. Let us establish and maintain churches throughout the land which will preach the true Word of God and call good, good, and evil, evil, instead of calling evil good, and good evil.

The moral leadership of the Western world must come from Christians who exalt the Word of God! It cannot be left in the hands of men who shake the bloody hand of Red MVD agents and call them "brothers in Christ."

Thus Isaiah declared, "The harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. . . . But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness" (Isa. 5:12, 13, 16).

## THE RED CLERGY FROM MOSCOW

Address delivered May 18, 1956, in Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif.  
By the Rev. Carl McIntire, D.D.

*"Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit"*  
—Jeremiah 7:8

Since 1917 the communists have conquered one-fourth of the land surface of the earth, and two-fifths of the world's people.

Every conceivable approach and means is being used by the Reds in their world conquest. In the name of brotherhood, peace, understanding, equality, communism wraps about itself the robe of the church, and seeks to preach its idealism as an acceptable gospel to Western minds. The lies and deceit of communism can be seen in its sending eight clergymen to the United States on June 1. These men come to be the official guests of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. They are returning a visit made by nine American churchmen to Moscow on March 9. These men are coming to our shores with lying words. They will be of no profit to the West, but will aid the communists in their world conquests.

### I.

The Reds are using the churches. There are no more lying words in the communists' vocabulary than those they use to express their attitude toward the church and their sending of these clergymen to America. Communism is anti-God, anti-Christ, anti-church. It hates the church, yet it permits the church to exist in a very restricted measure solely for communist purposes. The exhibits which are permitted to stand in Moscow are for the benefit of gullible church leaders from the West.

An abundance of testimony has come to the West from refugees that the communists control the church and are using it. Yuri Rastvorov, for 11 years an MVD agent for the Russians, in his testimony on April 12 before the Senate Internal Security Committee in Washington, D.C., declared that the church is in complete control of the secret police in Russia. Major General Georgi Carпов, a leader of the secret police, is directing the affairs of religion for the communist state. The church has become a convenient tool by which the Reds can reach the church leaders in the West. The church is being used to win the cold war with the West. Thus, the church has become the leader in the communist world peace appeal. It is an instrument of great advantage to the communists as they seek to reach the mind of the religious people outside of Russia. Using the word "peace" with their own communist definition, they are able to mislead sincere people who desire peace as taught in the Scriptures. Russian spies have been able to serve in high positions in the World Council of Churches—as members of its central committee and executive committee. Official delegates from the communist-controlled churches behind the Iron Curtain, representing the communists, now sit as members of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

### II.

The Reds are using the respect which the people have for the church to shield their activities in the church. The communists have an advantage in the use of the churches which they find in no other field. The churches in the West are highly respected, and the clergy generally have the confidence of the members. This confidence has been built up through the years as a natural result of the churches' ministry in dealing with spiritual affairs, and counseling the people in matters of life and death.

The communists have found in the church a field for unrestricted and unsuspected activities. They are free from ordinary attack and criticism. They are free from ordinary attack and criticism. When questions are raised, the respectability of the church is carefully drawn about them. The press, the radio, and other means of communication shield the church, and insulate it against charges of conspiracy or subversion.

inconceivable that the church which believes in God could be perverted or used by the communists who do not believe in God. Consequently, when the leaders of the National Council of Churches extend a gracious invitation to church leaders in Moscow, it seems inconceivable that they could be misled. What the churchmen approve, the people accept. What the officials of the National Council endorse, their supporters will generally approve.

Communism's influence within the church can be seen in the criticism of capitalism, the rejection of the profit motive, the charging of the United States with being imperialistic, the suggestion that Red China be recognized, and the preaching of the universal brotherhood of man. This communist line filters its way down to all the channels of the churches affiliated with the National Council in the United States.

### III.

The Reds are using the willingness of the leaders of the National Council of Churches to co-operate with them. Church leaders faithful to the Bible and the standards of the Christian religion should have nothing to do with an atheistic, materialistic communism which controls the churches in its lands by secret police bishops. This, in itself, should be enough to cause leaders in the Western world to denounce any possible collaboration with such Red intrigue and fraud. But the reverse is the case. The leaders of the National Council of Churches desire to collaborate with these Red church leaders, for they are concerned primarily about "reconciling the nations" and establishing coexistence between the West and the East. Strong pro-communist elements which have been in these high church circles in the United States are now brought to the fore in this collaboration with the spokesmen from Moscow.

Metropolitan Nicolai, in charge of foreign relations for the Russian Orthodox Church and founder and leader of the communist World Peace Council, has consistently through the years attacked the United States, calling us criminals, blasphemers, murderers, aggressors in Korea, civilized savages, barbarians, American monsters. His tirades against America have continued through the years, and most assuredly are well known to the leaders of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches and chairman of the American delegation that went to Moscow, writing in *Presbyterian Life*, April 28, concerning his trip, had this to say, "In view of the fact that we did not know how free the Metropolitan might be to retract his statements, even if he wanted to, we did not push him. . . ." If Dr. Blake and his associates had pushed him, all possibility of collaboration with these communist criminals posing as clergymen would have collapsed. Dr. Blake did not dare push him. He would have found out that the Metropolitan is not free to retract his statements, confess his sin, or to change the Party-line policy set by the Kremlin masters. Dr. Blake should have known in the first place that he was not free, and we are confident that his knowledge that he was not free kept him from pushing him so that he would not have firsthand evidence that he is actually collaborating with a man that is bound hand and foot by the communists.

It is the desire on the part of the American church leaders to work with the criminals of the Kremlin that the Reds are exploiting.

Dr. Blake tells us, "The position of the Metropolitan was that we are now in a new day. He hoped we would forget the past, so that we all could 'be a part of something new as a Christian church.'" He said, "I am not a communist."

ist World Peace Council. The claim that they have reached a new day is another set of lying words, and we find the National Council leaders trusting these lying words! They are not pressing the Metropolitan in order that they might not see clearly that they are lying words.

Such leadership in the top level, representing the largest churches of the United States, will bring certain disaster to all who will heed it.

#### IV.

The Reds are using the misinformation that the leaders of the National Council of Churches who went to Russia are spreading throughout America. The team of nine churchmen who went to Russia on March 9 have returned to this country, and their words have been reported throughout the land. The journals which are controlled by the denominations represented in the National Council have been profuse in their reports, carrying pictures, articles, and information concerning the delegation which went to Moscow.

In the matter of statistics, for example: The National Council leaders cannot prove, and they have no way of knowing, the accuracy of the information given to them by the Russians. Nevertheless, they have reported it throughout the land. The Russian Baptists (and there is only one Baptist Church in Moscow—the only Protestant church in a city of eight million people) claimed that they have 520,000 Baptists in Russia. They accept this figure simply on the word of Alexander Karev. They credit him with being an honest man in giving these figures to the West. We do know there were three million Baptists in Russia in 1917, thus two and one-half million have been liquidated—possibly more than that, because we do not believe Karev's lying words.

Charles C. Parlin, a Methodist member of the delegation, had an article, "What I Learned in Russia," in the May 10 issue of the *Methodist Christian Advocate*—a paper serving nine million members. In this he claims that there are "50 million believers in the Russian Orthodox Church," and this is from a population of 225 million in Russia. Mr. Parlin did not learn that in Russia. He was told it while he was in Russia, and he does not know, and he cannot in any way vouch for the accuracy of such a statement—but he is spreading it over the United States. This is the kind of service that these men are rendering to the cause of the communists.

The first sentence of Mr. Parlin's article is nothing but "lying words." He writes, "In Russia today, the Christian churches are struggling with the Communist Party for hearts and souls." This is what the communists would like to have the Christians in the Western world believe, because they know that the Christians in the Western world do basically accept the idea that there must be some kind of struggle between Christianity and communism. Actually, the Christian church in Russia is not struggling with the Communist Party. That struggle ended long ago. The Communist Party, through

the secret police, have complete control of the church. Body, mind, and soul—the church is bound by communism. But Parlin comes out from Russia, tells a different story, and offers a slant which has an appeal to American people, for Parlin tells us, "We must help the cause of the church in Russia."

Must we help the cause of a church which is absolutely the mouthpiece of the Kremlin? The cause which needs to be helped in Russia is seen in the refugees, the underground, those who are languishing in prison camps. They need our help, our prayers, our deliverance.

The church in Russia today is not a free church. The true church in Christ cannot be resurrected, and will not come again to life until communism is overthrown.

The delegation which went to Moscow has come back with a line that the church in Russia is carrying along the great historic succession of the Russian Orthodox Church through the centuries. But the church in Russia at the present moment is carrying on the activity and the ministry as outlined for it by the Communist Party.

#### V.

Two entirely different concepts are presented to the American people concerning the condition of the churches in Russia. On the one hand, the National Council of Churches honors their top church leaders as respected churchmen. They will occupy pulpits in America, and receive a royal reception. They will be careful in what they say. They will present themselves as able ministers of the Word, but they will report on the "liberty" which they enjoy in Russia.

On the other hand, the International Council of Christian Churches, in co-operation with the American Council of Christian Churches in the United States, is leading the protest on the ground that these church leaders are communist spies, agents of the Kremlin. As such, they should not be heeded, and they should not be honored by preaching in any pulpit. The pulpit of Christ is no place for a servant of Marx.

If the mind of the American people follows the line represented now by the National Council of Churches, certain disaster awaits America. The communists have a wide open door into the very heart of the religious life of America through the channels of the National Council of Churches. The only force in America that can resist it or stop it is the people themselves, and the people must be given such information as is now being presented by the International Council of Christian Churches.

"We call upon the Christian people of America to join in the crusade to which God has called us to save the church from this disaster and these 'lying words.' We are being misled as a nation; lies are being offered to us as truth, and communism parades now in the robe of an angel of light. The blind are leading the blind, and unless we awake, we shall all fall in a ditch together!"

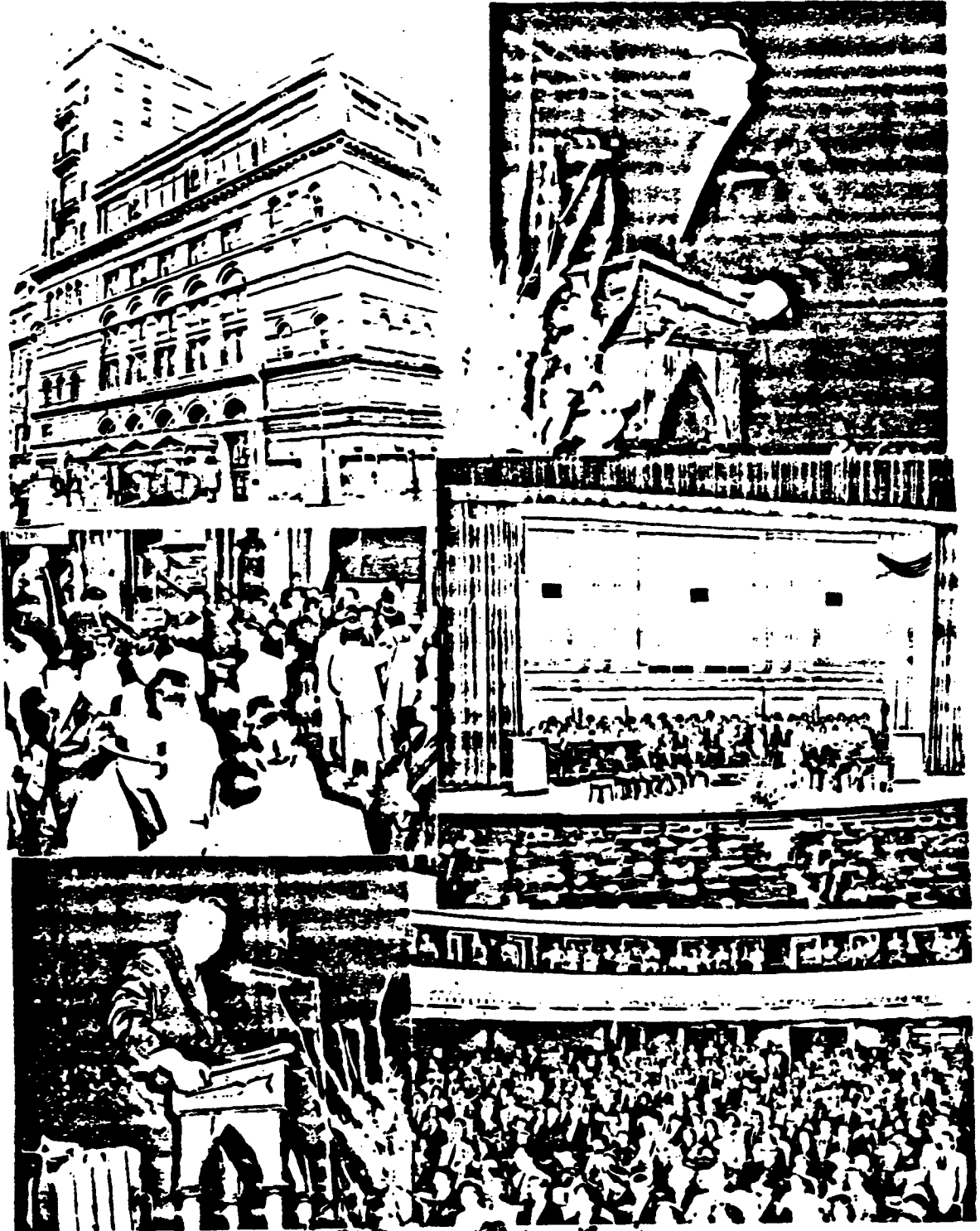
**"TRUST YE NOT IN LYING WORDS."**



SPEAKERS AT LOS ANGELES RALLY - CARL BENTLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE RALLY

NEW YORK RALLY - HISTORIC CARNEGIE HALL

Carnegie Hall, Kenneth R. Kinsey, in the lobby, the platform, Carl McIntire, the audience



## CALLING COMMUNISTS CHRISTIANS

Address delivered on May 25, 1956, in Carnegie Hall, New York City  
By the Rev. Carl McIntire, D.D.

*"Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets. . . . For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land."  
—Jeremiah 27:9, 10.*

Christianity can no more coexist with Communism than God can coexist with the Devil. All that the Christian religion holds dear is challenged by godless Communism.

It was announced that we should have the testimony of refugees from Iron Curtain countries. I have interviewed a number from various lands now under Soviet rule. Their stories are tragic—almost unbelievable. But when I requested them to take part in this meeting, almost without exception an expression of horror came over their faces and they declined. One man replied, "The communists are everywhere. My people are still behind the Iron Curtain. If I were to speak publicly, they would suffer immediately." Here is fear, ghastly fear, in our very midst in this land of freedom! Instead of talking about entertaining Communist clergymen from Moscow, we should be busying ourselves with procedures to ship back to Moscow the Communists whom we already have here, and who are putting fear in the hearts of suffering refugees.

Just a few weeks ago, here in New York, 18 Russian agents surrounded five young men, sailors, who had sought refuge in this country and the protection of our flag. Our immigration officials looked the other way while these young men were literally "kidnapped" and taken back to Russia to slavery and probably certain death. Can the Russians actually operate a police force within our own country to carry out their designs at will? They did it in this instance. No wonder there is fear throughout the land and increasing pessimism. All that our State Department requested was that two of the men most closely associated with the kidnapping be removed from the country. Every man, including the 18 Russian agents, the ambassador, and the United Nations delegation from Russia, should have been sent home immediately.

Where is our sense of national honor, the protection of the good name of Uncle Sam? Somehow, some way, a sense of righteous indignation and of loyalty to high moral principle must be restored in our dealings with the Communists.

We are here tonight representing the testimony of the Word of God. We believe the Bible to be God's holy Word. We believe Christ is the virgin-born Son of God, and salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a tragedy and a disaster of the greatest proportions that the National Council of Churches in this country should undertake collaboration with churchmen from Moscow, who are the puppets of the Kremlin. These men are coming over here, not to aid the cause of Christianity, but to do a job for Khrushchev and Bulganin. In the last 16 years, since 1940, the Reds have built a colonial empire in which they have enslaved 707 million human beings on the face of the earth. The Red clergy are a part of the program to enslave the rest of the world. We are hearing the words of many false prophets who are telling us that we can do business with the Red clergy.

We are here tonight in defense of our lives, our homes, our native land; above all, our faith and our freedom.

I.

### THE CHURCH IN RUSSIA HAS BECOME THE SLAVE OF THE SECRET POLICE

The leaders of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. are not dealing with respectable Christian leaders from another land. They are dealing with the agents of the Secret Police who have complete control of the churches in Russia and all its satellite lands.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, dealing with this question of Communism, has rendered the Christian people of the United States an invaluable service in

calling to the witness stand on April 12, 1956, Yuri Rastvorov, a former MVD agent, who for eleven years served in the Secret Police. He testified that he knew Georgi Carпов, a Major General of the Secret Police, who is in charge of religion in Russia. Carпов, he declared, has the church in his complete control. It can do nothing without his approval and consent, and he has full knowledge of all its activities. He testified further that, in 1942, when there was a slight relaxation on the part of the Communist Government in dealing with religion, Carпов sent many agents of the Secret Police into the theological seminaries, the few that existed, and that these agents have now become the bishops in the church. It is the testimony of the churches in exile and the leaders of the Orthodox Church in the United States, who will have nothing to do with the Communist-dominated church in Moscow, that the church is simply an instrument of the Communists to accomplish their sinister purposes.

With such unimpeachable testimony, why then do the leaders of the National Council of Churches even want to initiate conversations with the Red clergy? It is a question that needs to be faced. Could it be that the Communists who have infiltrated the churches in the Western world are responsible for this development?

It is astounding, beyond the imagination of humble Christian people, that men who represent themselves as Christian leaders in the United States would pretend to do business with men who are the agents of the Communist Secret Police. Yet, when the American delegation went to Moscow, they were entertained by none other than Major General Georgi Carпов of the Secret Police. In a diary report appearing in the April issue of the *National Council Outlook*, official organ of the National Council of Churches, we read that on March 18, "Karpov entertained 60 at a dinner honoring the deputation at the Hotel Metropole. . . . Karpov . . . stressed the first visit by representatives of American churches, deplored the short visit, and urged many times that they come again." "The dinner," the diary says, "was served in the most lavish Russian manner." What a spectacle! For representatives of the churches to be the honored guests of a man whose one goal, as a leader of the Secret Police, is to advance Communism and destroy the West, including the churches!

The May issue of the *National Council Outlook* calls it all "a venture of faith," and says, "But dangerous relationships are a challenge and opportunity for Christian churches." It is indeed an opportunity and challenge when church leaders are the honored guests of a member of the Secret Police! This was a challenge which the Communists accepted, and the Secret Police used the opportunity to receive and exploit the churchmen of the delegation.

The *Outlook* editorial, in an obvious reference to the International Council of Christian Churches, says, "Only a few seem to think it wrong for American Christians to talk with Russian Christians." No, we do not think it wrong for American Christians to talk with Russian Christians; in fact, we think it is a very good thing if one can reach the Russian Christians in the concentration camps and in the underground. But those who are running the churches, represented by Metropolitan Nicolai, are not the Russian Christians. They are the betrayers of the churches and arch criminals against mankind.

Metropolitan Nicolai over the years has made the most terrible charges against the American people. He himself is the leader, founder, and chief propagandist for the Communist World Peace Council, their "peace" program, which is doing so much to deceive, upset, and destroy the peoples of the free world.

In December, 1951, as recorded in the *Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate*, Nicolai declared: "American aggressors continue to wage a war of extermination in Korea. . . . The ideas of hatred of humanity are in-

soculated in children and young people on a broad scale in the USA. . . . It is thus that the American kindlers of war try to raise murderers from their tender years."

He called us American criminals and also civilized savages. In a speech delivered in Berlin, February 23, 1951, before the first session of the World Council of Peace, in one of the speeches reported in the *Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate*, Nicolai said:

"For the purpose of annihilating the population, the American criminals first of all fanatically killed the political prisoners (from 200,000 to 400,000 persons), forcing them first to dig their own graves; they threw the bodies of patriots [who had been] hung, shot or who died from typhus into a precipice and, to conceal the tracks, blew up a cliff above it. . . .

"These civilized savages arranged shooting matches with living targets, binding peasants to posts with barbed wire and shooting each of them over the heart of the target. Reviving the customs of the young-fascists, young-yankoes photographed these scenes for their family albums and sent them home to their fiancés and wives."

Don't you think a man should at least be asked to apologize for calling us "civilized savages" before he becomes the honored guest of the National Council of Churches, representing 35 million Americans? This [Nicolai] is a representative of the Secret Police speaking. The fact that he wears a church robe does not sanctify his criminal activity. When the National Council of Churches begins collaboration with such enemies of freedom and of the church, it is time for the Christian people in America vigorously to protest, to call the National Council of Churches to account before the bar of public opinion, and to summon faithful Christian believers in the United States to repudiate the National Council of Churches. Such leadership will carry our nation over a precipice to disaster.

## II.

### THE CHURCH HAS BECOME THE MAJOR INSTRUMENT OF THE REDS IN THEIR CONDITIONING THE WESTERN MIND

When these agents of the Kremlin come as respected Christian leaders, they have access to pulpits, Christian pulpits, in a free country. There they can present themselves in the finest possible way, appeal to God and the Scriptures, and with it preach the Party line, dressed up somewhat, of course, in religious guise.

They have open for them the religious press and Sunday school literature. In fact, the heart of the church itself becomes an instrument for their reaching a constituency of some 35 million Americans. The use by the Reds of the NCC and its churches in this way is the greatest victory the Reds have won in America.

Such a prize, under such circumstances, explains the reason why such an authority as Herbert Philbrick, author of *I Led Three Lives*, for nine years an undercover agent for the FBI, told us:

"It is no accident that your church is the No. 1 target of the Communist conspiracy in America today. The Reds have been flushed from previous cover. For one thing, since the war the Communists have suffered severe setbacks in the field of labor. They have lost control of many unions which were once dominated. They have lost power there. They have sought to gain power in another area, and the churches were selected as the target."

Philbrick emphasized, "I am not guessing about this. He tells us: 'I saw those ministers in action, ruthless Communist leaders, prostituting the Christian ministry to the evil ends of atheism and oppression. They knew exactly what they were doing.'"

These clergymen from Moscow, including also the Baptists who are already in the country, know exactly what they are doing. They are staging an act. They are putting on a show, and deliberately attempting to deceive. And already many of our people are believing their lies and commending the National Council of Churches for collaborating with them.

The mammoth scale on which the Communists are using the churches can be seen in their activity through the World Council of Churches. It was the World Council's meeting in Evanston that suggested these exchanges which are now beginning to multiply. A delegation from England is going to Russia in July, led by the Archbishop of York. *Ecumenical Press Service*, the organ of the World Council of Churches, reports that two top church leaders from India have recently gone into Red China, and two of the Communist church leaders from behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have also been to Red China to lecture in their Communist-controlled theological institutions. In 1948, when the World Council was organized, it received into its membership the Communist-dominated churches which came to them from Iron Curtain lands—Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland. The same small clique, representing the Communists, continue in the place of leadership in these churches and in the World Council of Churches. Albert Bereczky from Hungary tells us now that Communism is a "gift of God's grace" to his country. Hromádka, from Czechoslovakia, the No. 1 Protestant defender of Communism, runs to and fro across the earth and among the nations, wherever the central committee or the executive committee of the World Council of Churches meets, and there he preaches and defends the Party line, calling for the recognition of Red China. He preaches with equal coexistence. He preaches the gospel of Marx and uses the words of Lenin.

It is our duty, representing the International Council of Christian Churches, to expose this infiltration by the Communists and to point out the Party line when it finds its way down through church literature. But as a council of churches we can only go so far in dealing with this Communist conspiracy. There comes a point when the American people need to act in a responsible way to deal with it. The time has come, in the development of the Communist strategy, for this whole fabric of infiltration to be thoroughly exposed before the eyes of the American people in the Western world.

Clergymen known to the FBI, clergymen known to such leaders as Philbrick, clergymen who are known to be advancing the Party line, should be summoned before our responsible Congressional Committees—the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate, or the Committee on Un-American Activities—and questioned concerning their conduct. It would indeed be interesting to see how many of them would seek cover under the Fifth Amendment.

I call tonight upon these committees of our Government to take the lid off of this Communist conspiracy within the churches. It will have to be done if our country is to be delivered. Let the Christian people of this country call for it. If the true church of Christ is to be spared and delivered, with freedom to preach her Gospel, the Communists who are using her now for their sinister and destructive purposes must be exposed. Let us flush the Red birds from their privileged sanctuary.

## III.

### THE CHURCH IS DOING FOR THE REDS WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY FORMERLY DID

The National Council of Churches is rendering the Communist Party a service which it formerly did for itself.

Five Russian Baptists are now in this country. They arrived May 18 in New York. According to the Associated Press report, Jacob Zhidkov, the chairman of the delegation, said in New York. "We have full freedom of religion and we are using it." Back in 1946, ten years ago, Mr. Zhidkov, occupying the same position that he does today, sent a communication to the Christians of America in which he declared there was "complete religious freedom" in Russia, and he said: "We deeply respect our Soviet Government which has given us this freedom and protects it from any violation whatever. In our country all churches and religions enjoy equal and complete freedom. Because of this freedom we have a flourishing spiritual life in our churches."

The difference between these two statements is that the first was made under the auspices of three major



Baptist Conventions in the United States in 1956, while the second was distributed in the United States under the auspices of the Communist Party in 1946. I have in my possession a letter on the stationery of the Communist Party of Illinois communicating this statement to ministers. Of course, it is much easier and better for the Communists if they can get religious organizations to sponsor their representatives when they make these claims of full religious freedom, than to have the Communist Party spread it in its own name!

This simply illustrates how much progress the Communist Party has made in ten years in dealing with the church inside of the United States. Previously, the propaganda was recognized as Party propaganda and very few Americans believed that there was full religious freedom in Russia. Today, however, Zhidkov arrives, presents the same line, is welcomed by the president of the World Baptist Alliance, and the story goes across America.

A United Press dispatch from Washington, May 24, yesterday, reads: "House investigators called on the Justice Department today to consider prosecution against Louis Wheaton, on a charge of treason. He was accused of ' vilest slanders' against United States soldiers in the Korean War.

"Mr. Wheaton, a 38-year-old New Yorker, invoked the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution today in refusing to answer questions of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

"The questions included a charge that Mr. Wheaton broadcast from Peiping in 1952 that United States troops in Korea packed 300 children into a building, set it afire with gasoline and machine-gunned mothers trying to rescue the children.

"Mr. Wheaton was identified by the committee as chairman of a delegation to the Communist Asiatic-Pacific 'Peace' conference. The conference was held in Peiping in 1952.

"This man has committed treason of the most despicable kind against the Government of the United States," declared Representative Gordon H. Scherer, Republican of Ohio."

It was in 1952 that, from Moscow, Metropolitan Nicolai was breathing out the same threatenings and slaughter against the United States. His slanders were equally vile. When one of our own American citizens engages in such slander, the Justice Department is called upon by House investigators to charge him with treason; but when the second ranking clergyman from Moscow engages in the same slanders, the National Council of Churches brings him to the United States as an honored guest.

Brothers, these things ought not to be, in the name of Christ. The most vigorous protest should be manifest throughout our country against Metropolitan Nicolai as he comes to collaborate with our American leaders in the National Council of Churches. He is the chairman of the delegation which will be received by the general board of the National Council of Churches when it meets in Toledo on June 6.

The National Lutheran Council, in a press release dated May 22 from New York, reports: "A second Lutheran has been named to the deputation of nine church leaders from the Soviet Union who will visit the United States from June 2 to 13 as guests of the National Council of Churches.

"He is the Most Rev. Gustavs Turis, 66, Archbishop of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church. . . .

"In 1944, when Russia occupied Latvia, for the second time, Archbishop Teodora Grunbergs, who had headed the Church since 1932, fled the country. To succeed him, the Soviet chose Pastor Turis as deputy archbishop.

"In 1948, the synod of the Church nominated Pastor Turis as archbishop. He was named to the post although ineligible under the church constitution because he did not finish seminary and had no degrees."

Thus a Communist-dominated church set aside, of course, a little thing like the church's constitution to put

the Soviet-chosen bishop in charge. He now comes to collaborate. In the Russian Peace Conference of 1952 he joined in these slanders against the United States and with the others in their profuse eulogy of Joe Stalin as God's leader. This all fits into the picture that Yuri Rastvorov described before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. The agents of the Secret Police are elevated to the position of bishops in the churches.

It has been the Communist Party's task to discredit those who lift their voices against the Communist conspiracy. The anti-Communists in the United States are the No. 1 target of the Communists themselves as they seek to shield and protect themselves in their nefarious activities. Attack has been made repeatedly by the Communists against the International Council of Christian Churches for its strong, clear, uncompromising stand in regard to collaboration with the Reds. This Council from the beginning has sounded the warning, in the name of Jesus Christ and on the basis of the historic Christian faith, against doing business with the Reds.

Here in the United States the Rev. Ralph C. Walker, minister of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, received these Baptists from Moscow and proceeded to render the Communists a great service in his attack on the International Council of Christian Churches reported in the *New York Times* for Monday, May 21. Dr. Walker uses the typical Communist technique, raising the charge of anti-Semitism. He claims that the ICCC represents groups mainly in the United States. This, of course, is not true. Among the honored Bible-believing churches in the International Council is the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, the Irish Evangelical Church in North Ireland, the Union of Regular Baptists of Luzon, the Philippines, the Evangelical Methodist Church of France, the Reformed Church of New Zealand, the Conservative Presbyterian Church of Brazil. These churches and others, including the entire 57 which make up the constituent membership of the ICCC, are in the Council because of its stand for the historic Christian faith.

To claim that the Council is strongly anti-Semitic is a smear and a slander. My own sermon, "Why Christians Should Be Kind to the Jews," has been circulated to the amount of 250,000 copies. When Protestants seek to lead Jews to Jesus Christ, that they might be saved, that is not anti-Semitism. It is of the very essence of religious tolerance that men of one faith are free to persuade men of other religious convictions to change their views. The introduction of such charges into the present conflict is the very thing that the Communists desire—setting race against race, religion against religion, and stirring up strife and turmoil. But when the Communists can get a Christian minister to do this job for them, it is a part of their over-all strategy. It happens to be in this case the very minister who is entertaining the Russian clergymen. But such attacks on the International Council cannot divert attention from the facts and the activities concerning the clergy who are coming from Moscow.

These clergymen call themselves Christian. They use Christian terminology. They preach in Christian pulpits in this country. They wear church garb. They are honored as esteemed church leaders by the National Council of Churches, but they are the agents of the Kremlin, serving under the Secret Police.

A true Christian would rather die than serve the Secret Police. It is the Christians in the Iron Curtain lands and the clergymen who have dared whisper against the Communist regime and its program that the Communists have liquidated. When men serve the Communist cause, praise the Communist line, praise the Communist state, denounce the Communist enemies, though they may wear the robes of churchmen, they should not be called Christian. Let the church quit recognizing and calling Communist Christians. The prophets which lead us along that road are destroying our land.

J. B. Matthews says, "Lay Christians in the United States would do well to observe a 'black week of mourning' during the forthcoming visit to the United States of the delegation of MVD emissaries whose only purpose in coming is to confuse and darken understanding."

CHICAGO PROTEST MEETING, ORCHESTRA HALL, AND DEMONSTRATION BY REFUGEES



## HONORING RED CRIMINALS

Address delivered on June 1, 1956, in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Ill.

By the Rev. Carl McIntire, D.D.

*"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."* —Ephesians 5:11

*"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight."* —Proverbs 17:22

The Bible tells us how to deal with evil. The church of Jesus Christ is not to have fellowship with wickedness, but, instead, is to reprove it and call the people to righteousness.

The attempt to have Christian fellowship with the clergymen who are coming from Moscow is a travesty. The receiving of these Red clergymen as honored churchmen is the greatest mistake that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has ever made. Nine churchmen arrive tomorrow from Russia to be the official guests of the National Council of Churches, representing 35 million Americans. Five Russian Baptists are now in our country, the guests of four major Baptist denominations. These men come, not as the representatives of the suffering Christians in Iron Curtain lands, but as the clever spokesmen of a sinister power.

Russia is the No. 1 gangster of our world. She stands as history's most brutal nation. The civilized West must, if it is to preserve its freedom, recognize and never forget the wicked anti-God government which now rules two-fifths of the people of the earth. Moreover, it is the policies which we have pursued in our generation which have made possible Russia's increased strength to a place now where our own lives are imperiled. If the West is to be saved, she must return to the moral law of God and base her decision on right and wrong, truth versus error, and honor versus deceit. We are confused. Our leadership swings back and forth between adherence to principle and the practice of expediency. We promised to work for liberation of the captive countries; we actually practice coexistence.

Russia is winning the cold war and we are going down slowly, but surely. Our President tells us, as he did in Waco, Texas, that Communism is a colossal failure, while in truth it has conquered 707,000,000 human beings in 16 years. It is determined to destroy the capitalistic West. Everything we hold dear in our freedom is to be taken from us. This is a time for bold, courageous action and appeal to the truth of God and to God Himself to help us.

These clergymen from Moscow come as deceivers. The more profuse their praise of us and the more natural their theological language, the better their deception. There is no religious freedom in Russia, yet the Baptists who are in our midst have been telling us that there is complete religious freedom.

### I.

The works of darkness represented by the Red clergy include their fulsome praise of Josef Stalin. These men, all of them, both in the Baptist delegation and in the delegation sponsored by the National Council, are leaders and promoters of the Communist World Peace Council. In 1952 a conference of all churches and religious organizations in the USSR was held in Sagorak. These men participated in that conference and they addressed a eulogy to Stalin in which they said:

"Dear Josef Wissarionowitch!

"We, as representatives of all churches and religious organizations in the Soviet Union, who are gathered here at a conference to counsel about the defense of peace, greet you as the beloved leader of the countries of our great state and the wise pilot of its policy of peace and the standard bearer of the peace in the whole world. . . .

"We turn to you, dear Josef Wissarionowitch, with greatest enthusiasm as the representatives of various denominations to present our greetings and to assure you of our obedience and wish our best for you, a long, long life for the joy of our people and the joy of the whole peace-loving mankind. We esteem your courage, your efforts, and your consistency in the execution of the policy of peace and feel ourselves delighted to assure you that all believers in our land are determined to share labor, joy and sorrow of the people and to help them in their highest and noble efforts."

The students of the Moscow Theological Academy whose two chief leaders are in the delegation had this to say about their great Stalin:

"Holy and clean, like crystal, is the thought of peace. It has infiltrated the hearts of all future pastors of the Church. Together with all the peoples of our country, we, the students of the Theological Academy and Seminary, are proud of the strengthening international authority of our Fatherland, which has become the bulwark of all progressive humanity in its heroic struggle for peace. Our Motherland has survived through all storms and dangers, guided by the vigilant pilot—her Captain—the great Stalin, and now she stands in the brilliance of fame and might, as a great power—the bulwark of peace and justice.

"Warmly upholding the peace-loving policy of the Soviet Government, we wholly responded to the Proclamation of the Stockholm session of the Permanent Committee of the World Congress of the partisans of peace and believe that peace will triumph on earth, peace will conquer war!"

Stalin is both dead and demoted. They preached lies concerning him. Now these same arch liars arrive here to be honored by the National Council of Churches.

### II.

The works of darkness represented by these Red churchmen consist of vicious and slanderous assaults upon the United States. The Conference of All Churches and Religious Organizations in the USSR in 1952, in its communication addressed to all the churches of the world, denounced the United States for its use of bacteriological warfare. Archbishop Jan Kiivik from Estonia, in his speech at the conference, said:

"We, representatives of various denominations in USSR, meet here to declare that we as the whole Soviet people are active fighters for world peace.

"The American and English imperialists misuse in an injurious way the Christian faith as a cover in their efforts to enslave the nations and to seize upon the territory of other states.

"We protest that the American faith is changed as a cover for infamous actions. We protest when the neo-fascist theoretics justify the use of rockets, the bacterial weapon, death-bringing chemicals, the use of atom and H bombs, and thereby reject the principles of mercy, love and humaneness.

"We protest, when they qualify the demands for peace as a crime by which the lovers of peace and the fighters for peace are persecuted. With regard to the use of bacterial weapons as well as other inhumanities we say: Because this is done in an international extent, they have to bear the responsibility before the court of all nations."

Archbishop Gustav Turs of Latvia, a member of the same conference, said:

"The use of criminal weapons by the aggressors out of the camp of English and American imperialists,

who cause mass murder, shows that they fall in their relentless effort to bring Korea on her knees and that they now in fear cling to the pest-carrying insects as a drowning person clings to a straw.

"But such abominable inhuman methods of warfare are an offense of the Geneva Conference, a violation of Christian philanthropy. The nations cannot keep silent, they must raise their voices with revolt against the instigators of bacterial warfare which threatens the whole human race, they must raise their voices for the protection of those who would be the victims of suffering and torment by such a war.

"We, as a delegation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, join whole-heartedly in the protests, boiling with rage, which have been expressed at this conference and which earlier have been uttered abroad by the Soviet Peace Committee."

The chairman of the delegation is Metropolitan Nicolai. His attacks upon the United States have continued through the years. Before the first session of the World Council of Peace in Berlin, February 23, 1951, he said:

*"Their followers do not lag behind their teachers.*

*"From the first day of the lawless aggression the American neofascists began a systematic cannibalistic destruction of the 'lower' Korean race."*

"What do we see?

"Cynically violated standards not only of international rights, but of human morals. Executions without trial and inquisitions, secret and public. Dreadful tortures of victims: the cutting off of ears and noses, breasts, putting out of eyes, the breaking of arms and legs, the crucifixion of patriots, the burial alive in communal graves of women with children at their breasts, etc. The rebirth of the customs of savages—the scalping of Korean patriots for 'souvenirs'.

*"For the purpose of annihilating the population, the American criminals first of all fanatically killed the political prisoners (from 200,000 to 400,000 persons), forcing them first to dig their own graves: they threw the bodies of patriots [who had been] hung, shot or who died from typhus into a precipice and, to conceal the traces, blew up a cliff above it."*

"The barbaric bombings of peaceful cities and centers of population were directed exclusively toward the annihilation of the civil population.

"In the committees of inquiry of the American troops we see the reborn 'technique' of Himmler, inhuman tortures of Korean patriots; hanging by the hands, binding [them] behind the back, which is impudently called 'aeroplans'; welding handcuffs on the ankles around the back for 2-3 months; torture by electricity, including the electric bed, on which death follows the transmission of a strong current; a wet leather jacket which crushes the breast of the victim on drying; placing those ill of an epidemic sickness in cells filled to overflowing with prisoners.

"These civilized savages arranged shooting matches with living targets, binding peasants to posts with barbed wire and shooting each of them over the heart of the target. Reviving the customs of the young-fascists, young-yankens photographed these scenes for their family albums and sent them home to their families and wives.

"These representatives of the 'higher' race practiced and practice mass rape of the women and young girls of Korea, rounding them up from surrounding towns, making them drunk on gin and raping them. Not

limited to outrages, the miserable victims were driven, in places, into tunnels, shot by machine-guns and buried under the debris of blown up cliffs.

"Often one can see on the roads of Korea the still warm corpse of a mother and a crying child at her breast. Cases are known when children, born in prison, were trampled by the soldiers' boots in front of the mother, and then the mother was killed."

### III.

The works of darkness represented by these Red clergymen may be seen in their complete subjection to the Soviet Secret Police. Yuri Rastvorov, for 11 years a member of the Secret Police, has given his testimony before the Senate Internal Subcommittee on April 12. He reports that all religion in Russia is under the control of Major General Georgi Karpov of the Secret Police. Karpov sent his agents to the Moscow Theological Seminary when the school was opened in 1943 and they are now bishops running the church. The entire Communist peace program, led by the church, is in the hands of the Communist Secret Police. When the American delegation of eight churchmen went to Russia on March 9, Karpov entertained them in the most Jewish Russian manner at a dinner in the Metropole Hotel, March 18.

These men now come to America to be honored as great churchmen and the National Council of Churches has opened its door to receive them and to present them to the American people in the very way in which they desire to be presented.

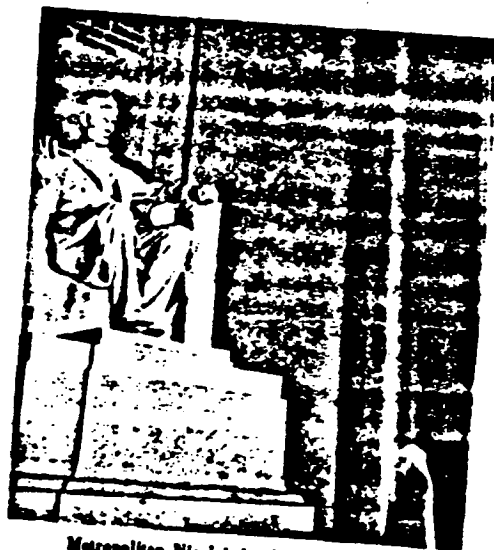
We have started down the road, the broad road, that leads to our destruction. It was announced in Washington yesterday that President Eisenhower is summoning 34 Americans from various fields to set up a program for better understanding on a people to people basis. Representing the Protestant churches of the country is none other than Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the chairman of the American delegation to Russia and chairman of the group which will receive these Red churchmen tomorrow in New York. The clergy in Moscow do not represent the Christian people. They represent the Secret Police. Russia is pleased to send her delegations to the United States, including her secret agents. Russia is delighted to have the Western world discount her butcheries and forget her criminal acts. All of this is preliminary to her taking over and destroying all that we hold dear. Unless the world is ready to deal with Russia on the basis of what she is, unworthy of recognition by civilized men, and, unless the Christian church is to warn the people of the world concerning the subtlety of purpose and design which Russia is now using the church to promote, we are certain to go down in disaster.

The International Council of Christian Churches appeals to the Lord's people throughout the earth to join in a mighty crusade to expose the Communist use of the church. The International Council calls upon the Christian people of the West to petition their governments to be done with appeasement, exchanges, and anything which will advance or promote the interests of the Communists. The free world must work and pray for the full liberation of our Christian brethren suffering behind the Iron Curtain. We call upon the Christian people in the United States to withdraw from and to repudiate the National Council of Churches. Its leadership has turned aside from the Bible and the high moral principles which should govern our conduct with the arch criminals who are now ruling Russia. The Bible says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

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## "Christians Hold the World Together"

*Russian and American Christians,  
after historic two-way visit, share  
hope that they may play this role.*



Metropolitan Nicolai, head of the Russian deputation, visits the Lincoln Memorial.

A SIGNIFICANT chapter in the annals of Christian world fellowship was written with the conclusion, on June 13, of the two-way conversations between Russian and American Christian leaders.

On the eve of the departure for home of the eight-member Russian deputation, historic agreements that came out of the meetings held in both countries were summarized in a special statement.

Issued by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council, with the approval of the Russian visitors, the communiqué stressed that general agreement had prevailed on the nature of the peace that Christians seek.

"Faith, freedom and justice," both groups agreed, "are the most essential prerequisites for a durable peace."

It was further urged by the conferees that churches in both countries exchange literature and other data on church efforts to build a just and durable peace.

Further, they spelled out that "such peace is possible only when individuals and nations recognize each other's human worth without trespassing on mutual freedom, and when they are in possession of rights and liberties conforming to the Christian conception of human dignity."

This was a more specific statement on the relationship of international peace to human freedom than had been arrived at by these churchmen before.

When the nine-man American delegation left Moscow last March the Russians agreed only on the concept of "peace with justice," and said nothing about many things, including the U. S.

Early in the conversation on this side it became apparent, however, that their position had become firmer. After the opening sessions at Greenwich, Conn., Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches and chairman of the host group, expressed the delight of the American delegation at important changes in substance in the paper on peace brought by Metropolitan Nicolai—second ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church and leader of the visiting deputation.

In Dr. Blake's farewell address to his guests, he further highlighted the fact that the delegates had agreed "on the importance of the United Nations in achieving peace."

Other noteworthy achievements resulted from the face-to-face discussions that began in Moscow, March 11-21, and continued in the United States, June 2-13, between American Protestant leaders and representatives of four denominations with large followings in the Soviet Union—Russian Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Lutheran and Baptist.

A reduction of international tension should follow, both delegations emphasized, because the conversations pointed up the many areas of mutual concern and understanding as contrasted with the usual widely-touted differences.

Both groups believed it to be of the utmost importance in today's world that they should get together, that divisions should not indefinitely prevent Christians from talking with one another, no matter what barriers of political thinking had arisen.

Their chief purpose was to establish the kind of mutual relationship which

the delegations believed "ought never for any reason to be broken between churches which profess obedience to the same Lord, Jesus Christ."

For this reason, further face-to-face meetings on the part of other religious groups, especially denominational, will be encouraged.

The final note of the communiqué was even more hopeful.

"In the first centuries," it pointed out, "when relationships between people were as confused as they are today, it was said that the Christians held the world together."

"God grant that we may play that role!"

In many gracious speeches and press interviews Metropolitan Nicolai and others of the Russian group stressed the mutual understanding which had been achieved and the warm fellowship which had been enjoyed by American and Russian church leaders.

They talked together in complete frankness, Dr. Blake concurred, even to the point of Metropolitan Nicolai's citing where he felt the American delegation had misrepresented or misunderstood their churches and their positions in the Moscow talks.

Both groups warned, however, that deep-seated and important disagreements between them still exist. These may be discussed in the future by expanding circles of people in the churches of both countries.

"Still, persistence, and the most earnest and extended study will be required," the statement continued by Dr. Blake.

to each other in real knowledge, love and confidence."

The eight-member Russian delegation had an 11-day, whirlwind tour of a four-state area as the second part of the two-way exchange.

The U. S. S. R. deputation was given every opportunity to visit American church centers in New York, Connecticut, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, to meet and talk informally with Christian Americans on all church levels, to dine and lunch with them in their homes, particularly in the farm areas of Ohio.

They were also taken to see some of America's landmarks and national shrines—in Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell, and in the nation's capital, Mt. Vernon, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial.

Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, greeted them after the service they attended in the Episcopal Cathedral, Washington, D. C. Metropolitan Nicolai used this opportunity to assure Mr. Adams that he and the Russian people were sharing in the universal concern at that moment for the health of President Eisenhower and were praying for his recovery.

In Washington, they were also greeted by Dr. Frederick E. Reising, executive secretary of the Washington Church Federation, and by Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, director of the Washington Office of the National Council of Churches. They were entertained at luncheon in the Soviet Embassy as the guests of Soviet Ambassador G. E. Zaroubin, and were housed at the College of Preachers on the grounds of the Washington Cathedral.



The Russian and U.S. church deputations at Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn. Left to right, front row: Archbishop Jan Klivik; Archbishop Genniy Tura; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, American chairman; Metropolitan Nicolai, Russian chairman; Bishop Knox Sherrill; Dr. Roy C. Bea, general secretary of the National Council; Rev. Alexei Andreev; Rev. Alexei Karpov; the late Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk; back row: Dr. Eugene L. Smith, alternate for Charles C. Parlin; Professor Vladimir Talisin; Dr. Herbert Goswark; Dr. Rowell P. Barnes; Bishop D. Ward Nichols and Paul B. Anderson. Another member, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, was absent.

The Washington Church Federation tendered them a dinner at the Cleveland Park Congregational Church, at which 82 guests, including many pastors and their wives, heard speeches by Metropolitan Nicolai, Rev. Alexei Andreev, a Baptist member of the Russian deputation,

and by Alfred P. Shirley, president of the federation.

"We realize that the Iron Curtain that once hung between our countries was not of your contriving, nor of ours," he said. "But let us thank God here tonight that between our minds, hearts and spirits there never has been a curtain. We have always been—and will always be—one in Christ."

Noting the floral decorations of many hues and kinds, Metropolitan Nicolai responded:

"On every table are flowers, each with its own perfume. So there is a spiritual aroma in each different church; its own special service to God, united by one Christian love. May the highest possible Christian feelings reign among us, no pre-conceived notions about things hidden one from another."

The American visit of the Russian delegation took them to New York, to Greenwich, Conn.; Yale University; the Corning, N. Y. Glass Center; to Toledo,



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council, standing at the head of the table, presents Dr. Rowell P. Barnes, the Council's associate general secretary, during a "conversation" between the Russian and American deputations at Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn., continuing the discussions held by the two deputations in Moscow earlier in the year on matters of common concern to churchmen of the two countries.

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O., as guests at the regular quarterly meeting of the General Board of the National Council of Churches; and to three Ohio towns—Mansfield, Seville and Wooster. They saw Mansfield's handsome new YMCA-YWCA building, listened to a conference on Christian Education at a church-related college (Wooster), and visited in private homes and small-town churches at Seville, population 1,000.

The Toledo visit was especially significant. Here the Russians witnessed sessions that have no counterpart in their own country. The 250-member policy-making General Board took democratic action on behalf of the 90 major U. S. church bodies representing 35,800,000 persons that make up the National Council, in framing policy for their work together.

With the Russians looking on, the Board considered a heavy agenda of matters that never come up for discussion in the churches of Russia. For the Russian churchmen have made it clear that their function is to administer the sacraments of the church and give religious counsel only to their members.

In contrast to that, the General Board conducted lengthy debate on statements covering the attitude of Christians in the 1956 elections, on the proposed freeing of Japanese war criminals, and upon union membership as a condition of employment. Copies of the statement on elections and a detailed report on the National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life, held last March under NCC auspices, were given the visitors in Russian translation.

Another eventful session for the visitors marked their day at United Nations and in the Wall Street area of New York.

As they lunched at the U. N., Dr. Kenneth Maxwell, associate executive director of the NCC's Department of International Affairs, told them of the important role the churches had played in the swing of public opinion from an adverse to a favorable position on the idea of the world organization. Also, he stressed that a "major proportion" of the ideas set forth by the churches had been accepted as a part of the UN plan and program, even including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Russians listened with brightened interest for this was a phase of Ameri-

can church life of which they had no notion before their visit to America.

In Wall Street, the heart of the nation's financial capital, Metropolitan Nikolai told a luncheon gathering of some 35 banking and financial leaders that he wished them "peace and prosperity." Guests of Attorney Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., Methodist layman and a member of the American deputation to Russia, on their Wall Street stop, the Russians were told of the wide ownership by thousands of stockholders of American financial institutions.

Earlier, at New Haven, Conn., the visitors learned from Dean Liston Pope of Yale Divinity School how theological education is carried out in the U. S. A.

There they were told of the 64 Protestant denominations with more than 50,000,000 adherents each in this country, and of the 125 graduate theological schools and the equal number of so-called "Bible Schools" that have enrolled more than 20,000 students. This is insufficient, they learned, to staff the growing number of churches, for which there are already nearly 200,000 Protestant ministers in this country.

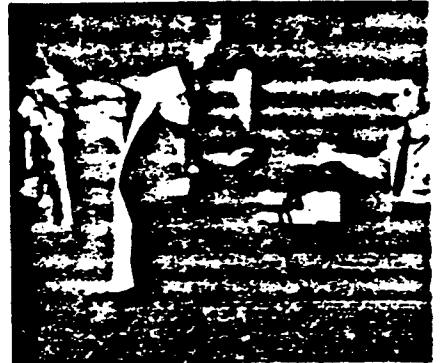
In contrast, the Russians had previously announced that the Orthodox Church in Russia now has 72 eparchies (dioceses) of more than 20,000 parishes with 35,000 regular clergymen and 69 monasteries with 5,000 monks. He estimated that there are upwards of 50 million "believers" in Russia and said that during World War II there was "a great rise" in religious feeling in Russia that has not diminished since that time.

Metropolitan Nikolai and other Russian Orthodox members of the deputation attended services at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, New York, where the Metropolitan was the celebrant and preached in Russian.

Four other members of the deputation—two Lutherans and two Baptists—attended a service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at which they witnessed the ordination to the Episcopal diaconate of 10 recently graduated seminarians.

The Armenian representative went to services at the Armenian Holy Cross Apostolic Church.

The Russian delegation had the pleasure of presenting to the American Bible Society the first copy to reach this coun-



(Top)—Members of the Russian deputation visit Independence Hall in Philadelphia and view the Liberty Bell; (next to top)—Baptist and Lutheran members of the deputation attend a regular service of worship at New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine; (next to bottom)—Rev. Alexei Andreev (center), vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, visits a Sunday school class in First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., with William Edgerton (right) interpreting; (bottom)—Girl students at Wooster College in Ohio welcome the deputation. Wooster (Presbyterian) is a typical American church-related college.

## Church Exchange

Confident and dogmatic generalizations about churches in the Soviet Union have been made by Americans who have had



WELCOMING Metropolitan Nicolai (right), head of the eight visiting Russian Church leaders, is Dr. E. C. Blake, Philadelphia, NCC president.

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 ...but new knowledge gained in  
 ...certainly been an essential factor.  
 ...Fore-to-fore contacts have been  
 ...men and women in the Soviet Union  
 ...with a great variety of characters and

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## SOVIET BIBLE EDITION GIVEN



METROPOLITAN NICOLAI (left), one of Soviet Russian church leaders who concluded a visit here yesterday, presents new Russian edition of Bible to Charles C. Parlin, vice-president of American Bible Society. Parlin, a Methodist lay leader, was on recent Soviet tour of U.S. religious leaders. Bible is said to be first edition printed in Russia since 1928.

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try of the new Russian edition of the Bible, the first printed in the U. S. S. R. since 1928.

A gift from the Patriarch Alexei, it was presented by Metropolitan Nicolai. It is part of an edition of 25,000 copies. An additional 75,000 copies will be printed for the Orthodox Church, Nicolai reported. A separate edition of 25,000 copies also is being printed for the Baptists in a smaller size from matrices supplied by the American Bible Society.

Throughout the entire visit, Metropolitan Nicolai assured groups everywhere that the faith handed down through history still lives in Russia today and will live forever.

He was outspoken in his condemnation of Communist materialism. The Russian Orthodox Church completely rejects these teachings, he declared, expressing its opposition from the pulpit and through church journals.

The Communist party does not "inter-

(Top) Archpriest Michael Slavitsky, 2nd from right, visits a farm family in Seville, O. (Below) Metropolitan Nicolai, left, and Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill carry their trays in the cafeteria at Seabury House.



fer" with the church, he added, despite the church's opposition to materialism.

"They do their business and we do ours," he said. "There is no ground for conflict between us."

The Russians remained cheerful, urbane and receptive throughout a crowded schedule, and occasional picketing by splinter religious and nationalistic groups.

In referring to the demonstrations, Dr. Blake pointed out that the conversations had been instrumental in "encouraging our visitors to concern themselves with the cases of churchmen who have been imprisoned in Russia.

He added with emphasis, "Thus, even when emigré groups have been critical of our venture, we have tried to serve them."

He expressed confidence that the American people and the nation's churches "overwhelmingly approve the attempt we have been making to create channels of communications between our churches. Even the criticisms we have received," he said, "prove more than anything else how important and necessary our project has been."

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Photographed from Presbyterian Life  
of September 15, 1958



# NEWS

Photographed from the Honolulu, Hawaii, Star-Bulletin of August 11, 1958

## Soviet Orthodox Church May Join World Council

**UTRECHT, Netherlands, Aug. 11 (AP)** — Moscow Metropolitan Nikolai said Saturday he would recommend that the Russian Orthodox Church join the World Council of Churches.

The church refused to join the council in 1948.

The Russian churchman's statement was issued at the end of a two-day East-West church conference here.

He said the Russian Orthodox is expected to send observers to future meetings of the central committee of the World Council of Churches but that membership would have to be decided by church dignitaries in the Soviet Union.

Metropolitan Nikolai's statement revealed some disagreements with Western church leaders over nuclear bomb tests and ways to world peace.

The Russian church leader said the Russian Ortho-

dox Church wants nuclear tests stopped without conditions.

He said that if the Western church leaders want to include conditions, there could be no agreement on this point by the Russian church.

The Metropolitan said an interview later that the church could not express a firm decision that it would become a member of the council.

"I can only say that the next stage is one of consultation with all Soviet church signatories," he said.

"There is no doubt, however, that this first meeting has been a good basis for future contacts and meetings."

He said there are 22 churches in Russia with 600 priests.

He said there are no more on the number of church members there.

### The World Council: Long-Awaited Step

The World Council of Churches is ten years old this summer. When this great cooperative movement was being formed by most of the world's Christian churches, certain bodies decided to stay out. They included the Roman Catholic Church; conservative Protestant bodies such as the Southern Baptists and Missouri-Synod Lutherans; and western Orthodox, which includes churches in Soviet Russia and the Balkans.

Today all of these major non-Council bodies are still formally outside the ecumenical movement. But there is considerable hope that one of these groups will seek closer ties, and perhaps eventual membership in the World Council. That group is western Orthodoxy, which embraces churches in Russia, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Yugoslavia.

Last month in Utrecht, The Netherlands, three World Council leaders met three western Orthodox leaders in a historic discussion about the ecumenical movement.

The Council participants were: Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, United Lutheran, U.S.A., chairman of the World Council's Central Committee; Eastern Orthodox Metropolitan James of Melita, a Central Committee member; and Council general secretary W. A. Visser 't Hooft of the Netherlands Reformed Church.

The western Orthodox churchmen were Metropolitan Nikolai of the Russian Orthodox Church, head of that body's foreign affairs office; Archbishop Michael of Smolensk, Russia; and Russian Orthodox lay leader Alexis Boevsky.

This group met for three days in The Netherlands and discussed a wide range of subjects, including Christian unity, world peace, and religious liberty. The discussions were reported to be full of "frank" talk.

After the meeting, the joint group issued a communiqué which said, in part:

"With regard to the future, the delegates of the Holy Orthodox Church of Russia declared that they would give a

report to the Patriarch and the Holy Synod of their Church and that they would do so in a spirit of full sympathy with the fundamental principles of the ecumenical movement. They will give a similar report on the meeting to . . . Orthodox sister-churches.

The World Council delegates declared that they would report to the Central Committee of the WCC and that they would propose that, if this would be agreeable to the Holy Orthodox Church of Russia, observers should be invited to attend meetings of the Central Committee."

While the Russian Orthodox trio went back to the Soviet Union to report on the Utrecht conference, the World Council team went to Nyborgstrand, Denmark, for the 1958 meeting of the Council's ad interim governing body, the ninety-member Central Committee.

In telling the Central Committee about the Netherlands sessions, Dr. Visser 't Hooft stated that a purely political view of the conference would "miss its real importance."

place in an adequate way if the great tradition of Russian Orthodoxy can become vocal in the ecumenical movement."



Representatives of the World Council of Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church meet in Utrecht. Participants (from left): Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Metropolitan James, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Metropolitan Nikolai, and Archbishop Michael.

## The Metropolitan And The Christian Century

Now that Metropolitan Nicolai of Moscow has been identified as an agent in the Soviet secret police, past editorials and articles in *The Christian Century* during the time of the exchange between the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the Russian churchmen reveal how completely the United States' side of the picture was pursuing the line desired by the secret police. *The Christian Century* of June 20, 1956 headed a page and a half of editorial correspondence from Toledo, Ohio, June 7, "Russians Visit N.C.C." The first two paragraphs read:

"THE EYES OF RUSSIA were upon the General Board of the National Council of Churches as it met in regular session here yesterday. The ears of Russia, or at least of the delegation of visiting Russian churchmen, heard some of the discussions of a particularly lively and significant meeting. Their listening was assisted by several interpreters and by an American hearing aid which the N.C.C. gave one of the visitors. He was delighted and said it had taken 25 years off his age.

"The Russian delegation was returning the visit made by leading American churchmen to Moscow in March. One session of this meeting was given over to a report by the American travelers. At another the Russian church leaders brought their greetings. Behind all the polite and often conventional language used by both sides were genuine gratification and relief that within the Christian faith a common ground has been found in spite of clearly recognized differences of nationality, language, ideology and religious tradition."

Indeed, it was the eyes of the secret police which were upon the General Board of the National Council of Churches, and indeed the "genuine gratification" supposed to have been reflected by both sides was a great deal more than that on the part of a Soviet agent of long standing who participated in the gratification with the peculiar Communist sense of victory.

Common ground was supposed to have been reached within the Christian faith. Actually, common ground was reached as desired by the Soviet secret police through one of their most effective and charming agents, Metropolitan Nicolai.

When one goes back and reads the various reports of that time, they are seen to stand out with even greater significance today.

"Churchmen Visit Russia." was the title of "A Report of the National Council of Churches Deputation to Moscow" by Paul B. Anderson published in *The Christian Century*, April 18, 1956. It reads:

"At the first formal meeting Metropolitan Nicolai of Krutitsk and Kolonna described the structure of and gave statistics regarding the Russian Orthodox Church." So an agent in the Soviet secret police was giving the facts the secret police desired to have presented, and these U.S. churchmen brought these statistics back and presented them as the true picture in Russia.

Mr. Anderson made several references to Mr. Karpoff. Georgi Karpov is a major general of the secret police whom Josef Stalin placed in charge of the controlling of the church in Russia. Mr. Anderson wrote:

"Mr. Karpoff, the president of the council on Orthodox church affairs, which is attached to the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., told us at the end of our stay that, if we had asked for it, he could have arranged for us to see anyone at any level, including the head of the government." It would seem that the deputation from the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. was taken seriously by people, church and state in the Soviet Union.

Well, it was certainly taken seriously by a major general of the secret police, Georgi Karpov, and apparently the secret police enjoyed it all very much, because Metropolitan Nicolai fixed things so that at the first meeting, when the U.S. delegation was supposed to enter into their discussions, no one showed up for it but the agent of the secret police, Metropolitan Nicolai.

But Karpov, the major general of the secret police, is quoted again by Mr. Anderson: "There you have the story of the American churchmen's visit to Russia, in barest outline. How would you evaluate the mission? Mr. Karpoff said to us, 'You have laid the

## THE SILENCE OF GUILT

The first announcement of Deriabin's testimony was released March 17, 1959. No comment or report of this news has yet appeared (April 30, 1959) in the *Christian Century* or any of the publications related to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

There has been a strange silence. Is it the silence of guilt?

Photographed from the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of December 2, 1957

## Proposal for Visit to China Put to Council of Churches

By GEORGE RILEY  
Of The Bulletin Staff

St. Louis, Dec. 2—A visit to the churches of Red China by a team of the National Council of Churches, similar to that sent to Russia last year, was proposed here today by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, of Philadelphia, council president.

The China tour should be made "whenever the Chinese churches themselves wish for such a visit," Dr. Blake suggested to the council's triennial general assembly.

Sessions are being attended by 2,000 clerical and lay leaders of 32 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies which constitute the council and the bulk of U. S. Protestantism.

No Dodging

As a voice of this great segment of Christianity, the National Council of Churches has not dodged controversial issues, Dr. Blake pointed out.

In a review of his three-year presidency, from which he will retire at the close of this week's assembly, Dr. Blake said:

"We sent a deputation of Protestant churchmen to Russia, and sponsored a return visit. We thought it our Christian duty, whatever the results in council support or council criticism. It worked out more fruitfully and with less criticism than any of us dared hope.

"It was the National Council of Churches which took on the late Senator McCarthy and McCarthyism at a time when most of Capitol Hill was either afraid or confused, or both.

'Prophetic Role'

"The council conceives one of its functions to be that of serving as the representative conscience of the churches in relation to crucial developments in the political, economic and social order affecting the life of the churches and the well-being of humanity. It has been referred to as the council's 'prophetic role'."

first brick in the building of good relations." The deputation summary calls the visit profitable and successful as a first step."

When a major general of the secret police is of the opinion that the first brick in the building of good relations has been laid, one can see that the secret police were manipulating and directing affairs and were virtually leading the National Council of Churches' delegation around by the nose. These men came back to the United States to report the things that the secret police wanted the America to hear concerning the common ground and the common faith—a common desire for peace.

The seriousness of this cannot possibly be overestimated. The leadership represented in *The Christian Century* and the National Council of Churches has been directing the thought and mind of Christians of the United States down—not just a blind alley, but a road that leads over a precipice, a precipice to disaster and human slavery, slavery for the American people at the hands of a godless beastly power which is using its secret police within churches for the glory not of God but of atheistic Communism.

What will *The Christian Century* say now?

**RUSSIAN BAPTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES**

BY CARL McINTIRE

Five Russian Baptists were in the United States from May 18 to June 19, 1956 as the guests of the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, the General Baptist Convention, and the World Baptist Alliance. The visit of these emissaries coincided with a visit of eight official delegates representing the churches of Russia as guests of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Metropolitan Nicolai, the leader of the NCC delegation, because of his previous spurious attacks upon the United States, became the major target of opposition among the religious groups in America that are uncompromisingly opposed to communism and its use of the churches.

The five Baptists include Jakov Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, and Alexander W. Karev, the general secretary. In Moscow, a city of eight million people, there is only one Baptist church; in fact, the only Protestant church in the city. Zhidkov and Karev use this as their headquarters.

Zhidkov and Karev have been the two spokesmen and they have given their personal testimony to Christ in such a way that the news editor of Moody Bible Institute's radio said that they sounded to him like good Bible-believing Christians. Fisher of Mrs., published in Washington, D. C., described Zhidkov as "kindly and intelligent," and accepted their line. The Rev. Richard L. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, heard their testimonies in Washington, and called the attack being made upon them by the American Council of Christian Churches a "smear." He indicated that their personal testimony to Christ was such that they could not be considered as "spies."

In Los Angeles, the Temple Baptist Church received them, and the pastor published in the church bulletin, *Messenger*, a statement by Ward B. Hurlburt, pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., saying, "As these two pastors spoke we sensed their profound love for God's Word, the Bible, and their penetrating familiarity with Scripture . . . It was no empty gesture when, at the conclusion of a great service, our congregation, representing several churches in Washington and people of sister denominations, along with the Russian Baptists, sang, 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.'"

Stories of this kind can be repeated from various sections of the country where the Baptists from Russia appeared. They were successful in leading people to believe their story and their testimony. The fact that these Baptists have been so successful among Baptists should challenge every Christian in the country to

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Photographed from *Crusader of June, 1956*, official organ of the American Baptist Convention

**RECEPTION**  
**RUSSIAN BAPTISTS**

Returning the visit to Russia last August by four Baptists from America, these five principals of the All-Soviet Council of Evangelical-Christian Baptists (SAS photo, right) arrived at New York, May 18, for a month of visiting with Baptists of the United States: (l to r) Jakov Zhidkov, pres.; Alexander Karev, secy.; Miss Klavdia Tyrtova, youth worker; Nikolai Lovindants, capt. for Baltic area; Ilya Ivanov, treas. The same evening, a dinner and reception for the visitors was tendered in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, by American Baptist officials and a few other interested people.



Dr. V. Carney Hargrove, one of the four who journeyed to Russia last summer, presided at the reflecting the prevailing mood, he said: "Tonight we are not Americans, not Russians, but Christians."



ABC Secy. Nelson (l) gave warm welcome. Pres. Adams (c) and Secy. Gura (r) of BWA (both are four) added greetings and introductions. Pres. Jackson of NBC, Inc. (also of the four) sent



BWA's Adolph Klappich (above) is serving as interpreter of the Russian Baptists for all. Following the dinner all five of the visitors spoke. Klappich interpreting. Alexander Karev draws a lesson from the candle: "Not for its beautiful stand, but for its fire; so with

face the condition. This is exactly what the communists wanted these men to accomplish, and they are fulfilling their mission.

The *Brotherly Messenger*, published by the Baptists in Moscow, is an organ of communist propaganda in the church. Mr. Zhidkov, speaking in Kansas City at the time of his appearance before the Southern Baptist Convention, publicly objected to the fact that his *Brotherly Messenger*, which he considered to be "satisfactory" in carrying out the work of the church, had been excluded from the United States mails. He obviously was using his position in this country to arouse support for the admission of his publication to the Baptists of this country, too.

Upon inquiry in Washington, William C. O'Brien, assistant solicitor of Fraud and Mailability Division of the Post Office Department, writing from the office of the solicitor said, "It is understood that certain issues of the *Brotherly Messenger* were examined by the Customs Service upon their arrival at the Port of New York and found to consist of communist propaganda." It is significant that the communist *Daily Worker* of New York City, which gave very few references to the presence of these clergymen in the United States, featured on its front page the charge of Zhidkov that the customs officials had interfered with the *Brotherly Messenger*. This is the way the communists work.

## 2.

The general communist line concerning religious liberty in Russia was constantly reiterated and presented to the people of the United States. Upon their arrival in New York, Zhidkov said, "We have full freedom of religion and we are using it." Repeatedly, across the United States he gave that story. This is in keeping with what these same men said when they went to Sweden on a visit to the Baptists in Stockholm in August, 1951. There Karev said, "Sometimes we hear from abroad that the Christians are persecuted in Russia. That is not true. We are free to preach the Gospel in all of our large country."

In 1946, Karev and Zhidkov signed an appeal to the Baptists of the United States, a statement about religious freedom, issued by the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of the USSR, in which they said, "We have complete religious freedom." And again, "We deeply respect our Soviet Government which has given us this freedom and protects it from any violation whatever. In our country all churches and religions enjoy equal and complete freedom. Because of our freedom we have a flourishing spir-

itual life in our churches."

Anyone who knows anything at all about Russian communism, its tyranny and control and persecution of Christians through the years, knows that this simply cannot possibly be true. And yet these affable, gracious men, coming over here with their personal testimonies to Christ, presented to the Baptists of America this perversion of the situation as it exists inside of Russia, and many believed them!

It is difficult to believe that in a land where tyranny reigns and communism is supreme the things that have been told us could be true, especially Karev's statement as given in *Fisher of Men*, "In every street and alley we go and talk about Jesus Christ person to person."

If the land is as fine as it is represented, it is strange indeed that there is such a thing as an Iron Curtain.

## 3.

These Baptists presented the communist line as it concerns the peace. Both of them are leaders in the communist World Peace Council. Both of them attended the All-Russian Council of All Religions in Russia in 1952, in Moscow. Zhidkov and Karev participated in the vicious attacks which were made upon the United States—for using germ warfare, for being the aggressor in Korea, but in their mission to this country they spoke of peace. They are emissaries of the peace, à la Russian style, and they talked of "peace" all over our land.

The fact that Baptists in this country are misled by these men raises some profound questions concerning the general attitude of American people toward Russia. The peace line of the communists has been designed to deceive and soften the West and to reach Christian people in the Western lands, and the effectiveness of this appeal is seen in the success of the visit of Karev and Zhidkov.

Karev has been identified as a member of the GPU; that is—the secret police. It was testified by Yuri Rastvorov, in Washington, that every delegation that leaves Russia has in its number at least one member of the secret police. Miss Martha Johansson, writing in the book, *Where the War Has Been Going On*, published in 1944, reports the activities of Karev. She identifies Karev as the chief GPU agent who has caused many believers to go to jail. With him was Andreyev. He, too, was identified and he is the Baptist who was in the delegation that came under the auspices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in June, 1956, one of the eight.

## 4.

These Baptists have followed the communist line in regard to Josef Sta-

lin. Zhidkov signed the statement adopted in the All Russian Conference of 1952 in Moscow, in which Stalin was eulogized. He joined with others in saying, "We turn to you, dear Josef Wlasarionowitch, with greatest enthusiasm as the representatives of various denominations to present our greetings and to assure you of our obedience and wish our best for you, a long, long life for the joy of our people and the joy of the whole peace-loving mankind. We esteem your courage, your efforts, and your consistency in the execution of its policy of peace and feel ourselves delighted to assure you that all believers in our land are determined to share labor, joy and sorrow of the people and to help them in their highest and noble efforts."

The general Party line was followed consistently and without deviation which they were in the United States. They endeavored to explain not only that there is liberty in Russia, but that a Christian could not be a communist, as that a member of the Party could not be a member of the church, all of which is absolutely ridiculous and absurd, its members of the secret police become members of the church and are actually operating as ministers in the church. The entire church is under the direction of the Religion Committee of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, which is controlled by the secret police. If they were ever angels of light, or false prophets, or wolves in sheep's clothing, or ministers who are doing the work of Satan in commending and praising the communist order, these Baptists do not represent them. And yet, they are deceiving so many. With this deceptive false idea is spread abroad concerning the condition of religion in Russia and the Western world is conditioned to accept peaceful coexistence with the communists.

Communism knows no peaceful coexistence and when the Western world accepts it, then the communists, by their methods of infiltration and subversion drive on for their world confusion and world domination.

## 5.

Karev, while speaking in Long Beach, Calif., said in his message: "Take greetings to Dr. McIntire. Tell we love him. Pray that God will give him strength to love his brethren."

We have taken such a leading in opposing and exposing the activities of these men from Russia that K. singled us out with an expression of love. This is in keeping with his generous manner, his personal money, all of which has been used to carry up the fact that he has been promoting the communist line and politically advancing the communist cause.

## CHRIST and COMMUNISM

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*"If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"*

These words, addressed by the Apostle Paul to the Church at Corinth, have a special urgency for the entire body of Christendom today.

There are approximately one million ordained ministers of the Gospel in the world today. Confronted with an enemy which threatens total disaster for organized Christianity throughout the world, these one million ministers of religion, taken as a whole, exert a negligible influence in this struggle of the centuries. I allow, of course, for the exceptions to the rule.

In the first place, the Christian clergy of the world do not exhibit any clear understanding of the Communist menace. In the second place, large numbers who do have some slight comprehension are apathetic with regard to the threat of Communism. In the third place, I believe the great majority are sympathetic with the goals of Socialism or the Welfare State. Finally, clergymen, generally, are so infected with pacifism that they are immobilized as a force for combating Communism.

Make no mistake about it! The goal of Communism is global conquest and the ultimate extinction of Christianity. From these objectives, there is no deviation. In this situation, the so-called ministers of the Gospel give an uncertain sound.

### CLERGYMEN AND COMMUNIST FRONTS

Communists have understood the psychology of clergymen from the beginning of the conspiracy and have devised a propaganda mechanism for utilizing the prestige of those ministers of the Gospel who give an "uncertain sound" on their trumpets. This mechanism is known as the Communist-front organization. The Communists have displayed an amazing diligence in organizing tens of thousands of these front organizations in all the non-Communist countries of the world. In instance after instance, a clergyman has let the Communists appoint him head of one of these organizations of deceit.

I must confine myself to a single illustration of these front organizations.

In 1951, the United States House Committee on Un-American Activities published a special report entitled, *The Communist "Peace" Offensive*, subtitled, "A Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States."

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities opens with the following words, "The most dangerous hoax ever devised by the international Communist conspiracy is the current world-wide 'peace' offensive."

The international Communist conspiracy is as active in perpetrating a peace hoax in 1958 as it was when the House Committee's report was published in 1951.

In a section of its report entitled, "Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact," the House Committee on Un-American Activities traced the beginning of that Communist "peace" organization to a committee of five which included the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg who is now the president

of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. With reference to this Communist "peace" front, the House Committee said: "Communists in the United States did their part in the Moscow campaign by instigating a Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, allegedly held in July, 1949, in Washington, D.C. This resulted in the formation of a front organization known as the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact."

The House Committee's report then named the five individuals who served as Communist tools in the initiating of this "peace" front, as follows: Albert Einstein and Thomas Mann, both of whom were refugees from Hitler's Germany; Emily Greene Balch, long active as a pacifist; Bishop W. J. Walls, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; and the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, who was then a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches. Einstein, Mann, and Miss Balch were Nobel prize winners.

Einstein, Thomas Mann, Miss Balch, and Bishop Walls were already veteran fellow travelers in the Communist-front apparatus by the summer of 1949. Dr. Dahlberg was at that time far behind his four colleagues as a Communist-frontier.

The Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact issued two press releases dated August 21, 1949, and December 14, 1949. The first of these press releases listed 631 clergymen as supporters and the second listed 609. Subtracting 253 whose names appeared on both lists, we find that a grand total of 987 Protestant clergymen were publicly affiliated with this unit of the Communist peace hoax. Eighty-one of these 987 clergymen have been on the rosters of officers of the Federal-National Council of Churches.

### EDITORS SUPPORT THE COMMUNIST "PEACE" OFFENSIVE

The Communists have shown an amazing ability to draw the editors of religious periodicals into their "campaign to disarm and defeat the United States." In their misguided pacifist sentiment, these editors have disseminated the Communist Party line among millions of churchgoing people throughout the world whom the Communists could never reach with their own publications.

The following religious editors (with the titles of their publications and denominational status) supported the Communist "peace" organizations which were exposed in the April, 1951, report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities:

- David D. Baker, *The Messenger* (Evangelical and Reformed)
- J. Pina Barbour, *National Baptist Voice* (National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.)
- Diamond W. Bittinger, *Gospel Messenger* (Church of the Brethren)
- Harold Ehrensperger, *Motive* (Methodist)
- Phillips P. Elliott, *Presbyterian Tribune* (Presbyterian, U.S.A.)
- Harold E. Fey, *Christian Century* (nondenominational)
- J. Clinton Hoggard, *Missionary Star* (African Methodist Episcopal Zion)
- Jameson Jones, *Power* (Methodist)
- E. E. Ryden, *Lutheran Companion* (Augustana Evangelical Lutheran)
- George V. Schick, *Lutheran Witness* (Missouri)

Synod)  
John R. Scottford, *Advancer* (Congregational Christian)  
William B. Spofford, *The Witness* (Protestant Episcopal)

All of the aforementioned editors have been officers of the Federal or National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

#### REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE BIBLE

Every reader of the *Christian Beacon* knows something about the "New Bible," published on September 30, 1952, and copyrighted by the National Council of Churches. You may not realize, however, the precise extent of the pro-Communist affiliations of the members of the committee which presided over the translation of the so-called Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The National Council of Churches has just published a brochure in which the names of the Revision Committee (32 members) and the Advisory Board (52 members) are listed. Thirteen of the 32 members of the Revision Committee and 14 of the 52 members of the Advisory Board have records of affiliation with Communist groups.

The names of eight members of the Revision Committee who have five or more such affiliations are as follows:

W. Russell Bowie, Professor Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary  
Leroy Waterman, Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan  
Fleming James, Professor, Yale University  
Henry J. Cadbury, Professor Emeritus, Harvard University  
George Dart, Professor, Yale University  
Frederick C. Grant, Professor, Union Theological Seminary  
Luther A. Weigle, Professor, Yale University  
Millar Burrows, Professor, Yale University

#### GALLUP POLL

A few years ago, the American Institute of Public Opinion, better known as the Gallup Poll, made a canvass of the views of clergymen in the United States. The results of that canvass were published in *Reader's Digest*; and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, there was not even a ripple of comment on the Gallup Poll's remarkable findings, in either the religious or the secular press.

According to this Gallup Poll, 12 per cent of the clergy refused to say that "it is impossible to be both a good Christian and a member of the Communist Party." This means that some 30,000 members of the Protestant clergy were either unable or refused to affirm the complete irreconcilability of Christianity on the one hand and the Communist conspiracy on the other hand.

I do not raise any question about the loyalty of the overwhelming majority of these 30,000. I do raise the serious question of the inroads of Communist Party propaganda upon their thinking. In their beclouded understanding of both Christianity and the Communist conspiracy, they have been susceptible to fraudulent appeals. Thousands of them have yielded in ways that can serve no other interests than those of the Communist Party. With respect to their doctrinal health, they may be said to be in a run-down condition, and, therefore, lack the robustness of faith to throw off the Communist virus. In their muddled thinking, these 30,000 clergymen constitute a psychological beachhead which the Communists have established in Protestant Christianity.

I confess that I am alarmed by a situation that finds 30,000 confused Protestant clergymen ministering to the minds and morals of the six and one

half million members of their congregations. Unless I assume that clergymen are totally devoid of influence among their parishioners, I must take for granted that some of this moral confusion of the 30,000 clergymen with respect to Christianity and the Communist Party is transmitted to some of these six and a half million Christian laymen. At least, these laymen are exposed to infection from the pulpit. I am going to make a guess, however, that many laymen are far ahead of their pastors in appreciating the shattering impact of the onward-sweeping tide of world Communism upon the foundations of Christian faith and civilization.

#### ECUMENISM

While hundreds of thousands of unmingled and lonely Christians, both lay and clerical, have died for their faith at the hands of execution squads, or rot in a living death in the hellish dungeons of Communism, the clerics in the World Council of Churches, who come from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, have collaborated with their gangster governments.

The leaders of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and of the World Council of Churches have made *ecumenism* a synonym for moral confusion. By admitting to their fellowship the disciples of darkness from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the leaders of the National Council and of the World Council have been guilty of complicity in a betrayal as perfidious as the betrayal kiss of Judas in the night-covered Garden.

If *ecumenism* is broad enough to embrace agents of the Soviet conspiracy, then let *ecumenism* become a thing of "hissing and a curse."

At Princeton, New Jersey, in 1954, the World Presbyterian Alliance adopted a resolution calling upon "the citizens of the United States . . . to exercise forbearance in their criticism of these delegates" from Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Dr. Josef L. Hromádka, one of the delegates from Czechoslovakia, was a vice-president of the World Presbyterian Alliance.

"Exercise forbearance," indeed! "Exercise forbearance" is our criticism of mere Soviet agents and collaborators. Such is the exhortation of the World Presbyterian Alliance, whose president was the Rev. Dr. John Alexander Mackay, president of the International Missionary Council. It will be recalled that Mackay is the author of the revealing statement that "anti-Communism is more dangerous than Communism."

What should be the attitude of the followers of Christ toward anti-Communists? Have the Oxmans, the Mackays, and the Niebuhrs any word of counsel on that question? Indeed, they have! If practice rather than preaching is the more telling form of advice, the leaders of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. say, "Toward anti-Communists, let there be unbridled vilification!"

The World Presbyterian Alliance issued a message to its constituent churches, including those behind the Iron Curtain. The message included this amazing exhortation, "Be loyal to the government of the nation in which you live. . . ." That exhortation reveals the ultimate moral bankruptcy of this large segment of the leadership of Protestant Christianity.

In the world-wide struggle between the Christ of the ages and the Antichrist of the 20th century, the ideological position of the World Council of Churches is essentially neutralist or anti-anti-Communism, always excepting of course its definitely pro-Communist leaders who come from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain. This august body of globally-minded ecclesiastics lacks the moral perception and the Christocentric

courage to brand Communism and the Communist regimes as intrinsically evil.

The views of the high officials of the World Council of Churches are well represented by Prof. John C. Bennett, on the subject of "religious hostility" toward Communism. Professor Bennett, who is dean of Union Theological Seminary, has been a key figure in the World Council of Churches since its inception at Amsterdam in 1948.

Addressing the International Congregational Council in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 4, 1958, Dean Bennett called upon the Christian churches in the West "to stop the continuous expressions of national and religious hostility to Communists and Communist nations." Dean Bennett's admonition was a work of supererogation so far as the World Council of Churches is concerned. Why admonish that body to stop something which it has never started? There would have been some point to his urging if Dean Bennett had counseled his colleagues to cease and desist from their "religious hostility" toward the International Council of Christian Churches and Carl McIntire. But, evidently, the leaders of the World Council of Churches look upon the ICC, McIntire, and fundamentalists generally as more dangerous to their interests than Hromadka and the demoniacal Communist conspiracy for which Hromadka and his Communist cohorts stand.

In his recent speech at Hartford, Connecticut, Professor Bennett went on to say that the churches in the West "should not take so rigid an attitude that they cannot see that second generation Communists in Russia may become concerned chiefly about building their own country, that they may become less fanatical believers in their ideology and less a threat to the freedom of their neighbors."

#### JOSEF L. HROMADKA

Prof. Josef L. Hromadka of Czechoslovakia is a key figure in the World Council of Churches. For a number of years Hromadka was a member of the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary. At the end of World War II he returned to Czechoslovakia to take up a professorship at the leading theological seminary of that country.

In his recently published book entitled, *Theology Between Yesterday and Tomorrow*, Hromadka presents his roseate view of the atheism and dialectical materialism of Communism in the following language: "We have to understand that the atheism of dialectical materialism is a positive struggle for man, for his adequate self-understanding, for a better order of social and political life, for a construction of a society in which all class differences will gradually fade away" (p. 83).

On the subject of the economic benefits of Socialism and Communism, Professor Hromadka writes as follows: "The appeal and attractiveness of socialism and communism for the old colonial peoples in Asia and Africa have been due to their design to help the human society from the bottom, through the economic and social liberation of the lowest and poorest strata of peasants and workers" (p. 55).

In these statements on atheism, dialectical materialism, and the alleged attractiveness of Communism, Hromadka subscribes wholeheartedly to the dogmas of Marx, Lenin, Stalin, and Khrushchev. The lectures of which these statements are a part were delivered at Knox College in Toronto, Canada, in 1956.

In August, 1957, at New Haven, Conn., Prof. Hromadka was re-elected to the executive committee of the World Council of Churches. If Hromadka qualifies for membership in the highest body

of the World Council of Churches, it is difficult to see how any apostate, including Lucifer himself, could be considered unqualified.

Despite what Professor Hromadka alleges concerning "the appeal and attractiveness" of Communism to the peoples of Asia and Africa, there is not the slightest danger that the erstwhile colonial peoples of the world will ever, of their own free will, go Communist. Wherever Communism has conquered—in the Soviet Union, in China, or in any other country behind the Iron Curtain—it has done so by military invasion or by a *coup d'etat* engineered by a fifth column. No nation has ever voted itself into Communist slavery.

To assert that Communism is a "liberation of the lowest and poorest strata of peasants and workers" is a deliberate lie. To believe that Communism is a social arrangement "in which all class differences will gradually fade away" is a Satanic delusion. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, Professor Hromadka's lies and delusions have not been a barrier to his membership on the executive committee of the World Council of Churches.

In every country which has been conquered by Soviet armies or a small minority of Communists, a new and all-powerful class, more brutal than any other in the history of the world, has emerged.

#### CLERGYMEN WHITEWASH YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST REGIME

A few years ago, while the Yugoslav Communist regime of Tito was still in Stalin's good graces, a group of clergymen from the United States was invited to Yugoslavia, all expenses paid by the Communist government.

Of the seven clergymen who comprised the delegation which toured Yugoslavia, at least two were members of the Communist Party, U.S.A. The remaining five have been collaborators with the Communist-front apparatus.

The leader of the delegation, the Rev. Guy Emery Shipler, is editor of *The Churchman*, leftwing Protestant Episcopal publication. The Rev. Dr. Shipler has a public record of at least 76 affiliations with the Communist-front apparatus. There is nothing uncertain about the sound which Dr. Shipler's trumpet gives forth; it is a clarion call to battle for, not against, the diabolical forces of Communism. Interviewed on his return from the tour of Yugoslavia, Dr. Shipler said, "We ate enormous meals," and added, "We ate until we almost dropped."

Another member of the delegation, the Rev. Claude Williams, had been exposed as a member of the Communist Party in 1938. His Communist Party alias was "John Galey." In 1954, the Rev. Claude Williams was placed on trial by his ecclesiastical peers in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., on charges of theological heresy and Communist activity. He was acquitted of the charge of Communism but found guilty of theological heresy, and was unfrocked.

On their return from Yugoslavia, the delegation of American clergymen issued a printed report which the secular press denounced as a "hoax" and a "whitewash of Tito's Communist dictatorship."

The substance of the delegation's report was summarized in the following conclusion: "Our Protestant heritage is one of freedom, and we cherish that freedom beyond all else. It is because we have found this fundamental freedom—freedom of worship—existing in Yugoslavia that we are able to bring back so encouraging a report."

The remarkable thing about this whitewash of Tito's Communist dictatorship is not that

written by Guy Emery Sipler, Claude Williams, William Howard Melish, and their four colleagues. Nothing else was expected from them. The extraordinary feature of this pro-Communist document was the fact that its distribution was sponsored by more than 2,600 Protestant clergymen in the United States, including such prominent leaders of the ecumenical World Council of Churches as the Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches, the Rev. Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary and chairman of the International Missionary Council, and Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, a former president of the World Council of Churches.

A statement listing all the names of the 2,600 clergymen who sponsored the delegation's report on Yugoslavia was released from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. To call the roll of these 2,600 sponsors would be to name much of the top leadership of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

The fact that the statement of the sponsors of the delegation was released from Union Theological Seminary is not without significance. A statistical analysis reveals that slightly more than six per cent of all the clergymen of all the Protestant denominations in the United States who have been affiliated in one way or another with Communist enterprises have been members of the faculty or student body of Union Theological Seminary. This percentage is based upon the latest available *Alumni Catalogue* which extends only through the year 1947. If a catalogue of faculty and students extending down to the present were available, it is certain that this percentage would be considerably higher. It must be noted that Union Theological Seminary is only one of the 177 Protestant theological seminaries listed in the *Yearbook of American Churches*, although more than six per cent of the Communist-fronters in the ranks of the clergy have come from this one theological seminary.

This statistical item prompts a relevant observation; namely, there is a definite correlation between liberalism in theology on the one hand and fronting for Communists on the other hand. The more liberal a clergyman's theology, the more likely his aiding and abetting the Communist conspiracy. Looking for a fundamentalist theologian in the ranks of Communist-fronters is like looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack. I say this on the basis of exhaustive statistical analyses and not by way of flatterring an international convention of fundamentalists.

To avoid burdening you with a pile of statistical data, I give you only one more set of percentages to show the definite correlation between modernism in theology on the one hand and fronting for Communists on the other. Approximately three and a half per cent of all the Protestant clergymen in the United States have been affiliated with the Communist apparatus. Bearing that figure of three and a half per cent in mind, I turn now to the record of the clergymen who belong to the American Unitarian Association and find that 46 per cent of them have been affiliated with the various units of the Communist apparatus.

Turning once more to the record of Union Theological Seminary, I call your attention to the support which the seminary's students have given the Communist Party, U.S.A. In September, 1955, a brief was filed with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Communist Party. Of the 360 individuals whose names were listed as sponsors of this pro-Communist brief, the largest group was composed of 100 clergymen of whom 18 took their theological training at Union Theological Seminary.

This theologically modernistic institution not only leads in the ecclesiastical procession of Communist fronters, it also leads, according to its own claims, in the world-wide ecumenical movement—a fact which gives pertinency to my extended references to the institution. In the *Alumni Bulletin* of Union Theological Seminary for May, 1958, we read the following: "Union Seminary's prominence in the ecumenical movement was indicated once more at the Assembly of the International Missionary Council at Ghana in January 1958. Of the 184 officially in attendance, 22, or 12 per cent, claimed affiliation with the Seminary as faculty members, alumni, or advisors of the Program of Advanced Religious Studies. As in the case of the Amsterdam and Evanston Assemblies of the World Council of Churches, this was both the largest number and the largest proportion of the total membership from any single educational institution. Union's president, Dr. Van Dusen, had a major role in the Assembly of the Missionary Council."

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, who has been an avowed Socialist and also a supporter of Communist enterprises, is one of three Americans on the editorial board of *The Ecumenical Review*, official quarterly magazine of the World Council of Churches. The other American members of the editorial board, the Rev. Dr. Walter Marshall Horton and the Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, have records of affiliation with Communist enterprises so long that it would require a full hour to list them and make appropriate comment. Dr. Horton is a member of the Graduate School of Theology at Oberlin College. He took his theological training at Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Mays is president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, a Negro institution of higher learning. He has been a vice-president of the National Council of Churches and was one of the principal speakers at the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Suffice it to say that Dr. Mays was co-chairman with Prof. Harry F. Ward of the Communist organization which was known as the Civil Rights Congress.

#### THE PROTESTANT PRESS

Anyone who reads the Protestant press of the world—and I assure you that I read it regularly and with intense interest—can detect that it is permeated by certain propagandistic assumptions, fallacies, illusions, and untenable optimism. I challenge the prevailing temper and tone of the press of the major Protestant denominations.

I challenge the easygoing optimism, which is unsupported by any facts, that we must inevitably win because truth is on our side. I reject, on the empirical evidence of history, any form of determinism—economic, moral, or religious. I believe that man has been created morally free, and that means that he is free to destroy himself, both individually and collectively.

I challenge the illusion that the so-called free world must inevitably win the next and decisive war of history. To date, we have lost every contest with international Communism.

I challenge the illusion that the United Nations is an instrument of peace. I hold that it could not be less of a cruel hoax if it had been organized in hell for the sole purpose of aiding and abetting the destruction of the free world.

I challenge the basic intelligence of those who vociferously oppose the diplomatic recognition of Red China and do not at the same time demand the severance of all diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and all her satellites. We are in the ludicrous position of entertaining the Devil as a house guest, but slamming the front door on one of his legs.



I challenge the fallacy—dangerous in the extreme—that any form of Socialism is any "third force" or "vital center" which can mediate the conflict between freedom and Communism. The historic role of Socialism is to bring about the deterioration of the collective morale of any nation that adopts it, or in other words, to make that nation a pushover for Communist conquest.

I challenge the Pollyanna notion that Christianity possesses any magic that automatically guarantees its survival in any given country or any given age.

#### CHRIST AND COMMUNISM

It is not my view that the Christ of the New Testament delivered any direct pronouncements on the subject of Communism as we know it in the world today. On the other hand, His revelation of God embraced principles of life, of behavior, and of human destiny which constitute the very antithesis of Communism.

Those principles incorporated in the life and words of Christ are sharp and clear, constituting a background against which Communism stands revealed as Antichrist.

In Communism, individual men are expendable even to the extent that mass murder is permissible wherever necessary to the seizure or retention of political power. In Christ, God is revealed as one who notes the sparrow's fall.

In Communism, hate is elevated to a virtue and become a primary instrument of social policy. In Christ, the second commandment is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

In Communism, the universe and all of life are subject to the workings of an insensate dialectical materialism. In Christ, the living God is revealed.

In Communism, the rule of terror is perpetual. In Christ, compassion toward suffering and sinful men is perfected.

You will remember how Christ on His way to Calvary, stopped to speak a word of compassion to the onlooking multitude. "And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.'"

Thirty-seven years later, Titus accomplished the total destruction of Jerusalem.

Some, if not all, of you in this room tonight will live to see the final contest between Communism and Christ. From my more than 40 years of study and observation of the Antichrist of the 20th century, let me say that you who are alive in that eschatological termination of an era of human history will stand in need of the compassionate Son of the living God.

Dr. J. B. Matthews' famous article, "Reds and Our Churches," American Mercury, July, 1953, which first focused national attention on the question of the Communists' use of the churches, is here reproduced in full.

## REDS and OUR CHURCHES

By J. B. Matthews

The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen.

Since the beginning of the First Cold War in April, 1948, the Communist Party of this country has placed more and more reliance upon the ranks of the Protestant clergy to provide the party's subversive apparatus with its agents, stooges, dupes, front men, and fellow-travelers.

Clergymen outnumber professors two to one in supporting the Communist front apparatus of the Kremlin conspiracy. In the May issue of the AMERICAN MERCURY, we pointed out that during the past seventeen years the Communist Party has enlisted the support of at least thirty-five hundred professors—many of them as dues-paying members, many others as fellow-travelers, some as out-and-out espionage agents, some as adherents of the party line in varying degrees, and some as the unwitting dupes of subversion. During the same seventeen-year period, the Communist Party has enlisted the support of at least seven thousand Protestant clergymen in the same categories—party members, fellow-travelers, espionage agents, party-line adherents, and unwitting dupes.

We have striking and concurring testimony from two utterly different witnesses: namely, Earl Browder and J. Edgar Hoover.

While he was still the head of the Communist Party of the United States, Earl Browder made a speech to the students of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, in which he said: "You may be interested in knowing that we have preachers, preachers active in churches, who are members of the Communist Party." Although Browder is hardly to be believed under oath, there is overwhelming evidence that he spoke the truth to the seminary students on this particular point.

that the Communist Party allowed a certain ideological latitude to the Protestant ministers who joined the Kremlin's conspiracy. "There are churches in the United States," he said, "where the preachers preach Communism from the pulpits, in a very primitive form, of course. In one particular church service described to me, the substance of the sermon . . . was that the Communists were the angels of God that had been sent like Moses to lead the people from the wilderness, while the representatives of the devil were the capitalists and their agents. This, of course, is not an expression of the official Communist attitude on these questions, as you will understand; but we do not expel such people from the Party. The test for us is whether such people represent the social aspirations of the masses, which may take on a religious form, but which are essentially social rebellion. When such is the case, we welcome them into our Party."

There is documentary evidence to confirm Browder's statement with respect to his Party's ideological leniency on the subject of religion and Communist clergymen.

The People's Institute of Applied Religion—a Communist school which is run, sponsored, and subsidized by Protestant clergymen—publishes a handbook which says: "True religion uses the class struggle as the most effective weapon of constructive social change in a class society. It recognizes from its study of our religious heritage that the class struggle, while it is not a permanent weapon of the people, is the historic weapon."

The People's Institute defines salvation, in its handbook, as follows: "Salvation is the result of the collective effort of the workers and other victims of this [the capitalist] world system to save themselves from the oppressor."

On the subject of Communism,

the rise of capitalism. It proclaimed the divine right of property. It deified [spelled *deified* in the original] the kings of finance, the lords of commerce and the captains of industry. Today this church religion is directed by remote control from the Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and the offices of cartel imperialists. With these it has economic investments in the capitalist exploits of the whole world.

Any casual student of Communism will recognize the party line in these quotations from the published handbook of the People's Institute of Applied Religion. More about this Communist training school for clergymen presently!

Our next witness is the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In testimony before the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, on March 26, 1947, J. Edgar Hoover — who speaks with the highest authority on the subject of Communism — said: "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism."

Even if we did not have the authoritative testimony of Earl Browder and J. Edgar Hoover on the subject of the Communist infiltration of the clergy, we would have ample and overwhelming evidence of the inroads of Communism into the Protestant churches.

On April 1, 1951, the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities issued its "Report on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive — A Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States." That report led off with the conclusion that "the most dangerous hoax ever devised by the international Communist conspiracy is the current world-wide 'peace' offensive."

The dangerous hoax of the Communist "peace" offensive is still very much with us, so much so in 1953 as it was in 1951, when the Congressional committee said in its report: "Communists and their co-conspirators are spearheading this movement in cities and communities throughout the United States — at meetings, on street corners, in shops, homes, schools and colleges, in the press and on the radio — in fact, in every walk of life. Unless it is completely exposed, many may be deceived and ensnared."

One very remarkable feature of the Congressional committee's report on the phony Communist "peace" offensive was apparently overlooked by many, including some of the committee's members. In this single volume of the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, four hundred seventy-one Protestant

clergymen are named as participants in this phony Communist "peace" offensive. In giving the names of only four hundred seventy-one clergymen who have attached themselves to this "campaign to disarm and defeat the United States," the Congressional committee was conservative. The fact is that more than one thousand Protestant clergymen have been participants in the Communist "peace" organizations which are named in the committee's report.

Preachers, too, are people. As such, they are citizens to be held responsible for their civic and political acts. If professors and government employees are held to strict accountability for collaboration with the Communist-front apparatus, why not clergymen? Do clergymen have their own little Yalu River — their professional status — beyond which they have sanctuary? Why should they be allowed to participate, without investigation and exposure, in the "campaign to disarm and defeat the United States"? The Communist Party counts heavily on this immunity which cowardly politicians would grant to ministers of the Gospel.

Among the four hundred seventy-one named in the Congressional committee's report, we find the following names of prominent Protestant Episcopal clergymen: the Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Western Massachusetts; the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Utah (retired); the Rt. Rev. John Moore Walker, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta; the Rt. Rev. David Wilson Short, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Iowa; the Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Daywell, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Oregon; the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California (retired); the Rt. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Arizona (retired); and the Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Albany.

Other bishops of other Protestant churches, named in the report of the Congressional committee, included the following: the Rev. W. J. Walls, Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Chicago; the Rev. S. L. Greene, Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Birmingham; the Rev. William A. Fountain, Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Atlanta; the Rev. A. R. Clippinger, Bishop of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton; the Rev. Cameron C. Alkyne, Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Arkansas; the Rev. A. J. Allen, Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Cleveland; the Rev. J. Arthur Hamlett, Bishop of the Colored M. E. Church, Kansas City; the Rev. Carey A. Gibbs, Bishop of the

A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; the Rev. Paul B. Kern, Bishop of the Methodist Church, Nashville; the Rev. Frank M. Reid, Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Columbia, S. C.; and the Rev. Paris A. Wallace, Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Brooklyn.

Among other prominent Protestant clergymen, the Congressional committee named the following as participants in the phony Communist "peace" offensive: the Rev. Henry Hitt Crane, Pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Detroit; the Rev. Walter G. Muelder, Dean of the Boston University School of Theology; the Rev. Donald B. Cloward, Executive Secretary of the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention; the Rev. William E. Lampe, General Secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; the Rev. D. V. Jemison, President of the National Baptist Convention; the Rev. Owen J. Beadles, Methodist District Superintendent, Seattle; the Very Rev. Paul Roberts, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Denver; the Rev. Purd E. Deitz, Vice-Chairman of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches; the Rev. T. T. Brumbaugh, Associate Secretary of the Methodist Board of Missions; and the Rev. John B. Thompson, Dean of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago.

These Protestant clergymen named in the report of the Congressional committee came from forty-eight states and the District of Columbia. This is emphatic evidence of the fact that the Communist infiltration of the Protestant churches has been nation-wide.

Why were there no distinguished members from the infidel and false liberal two years ago, when the Congressional committee published its findings concerning the participation of clergymen in the "most dangerous hoax ever devised by the international Communist conspiracy"? Where was Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.? The concerted attack upon Congressman Harold Velde has a familiar stench about it.

Outside the known leadership of the Communist Party of the United States, the five top pro-Soviet propagandists in this country are all Protestant clergymen. Their names and positions are as follows: the Rev. Harry F. Ward, Professor Emeritus of Union Theological Seminary; the Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, Executive Secretary of the Episcopal League for Social Action; the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, Executive Secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action; the Rev. Willard Upham, Co-Director of the American Peace Crusade; and the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher, Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Episcopal

Theological School, Cambridge, Md. The Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher and the Rev. Willard Upham were due to membership on the World Peace Council at the Second World Peace Congress, held in Communist-occupied Poland, November 13-1950. This gathering had been scheduled to meet in Sheffield, England, but, at the last minute, the British Government refused to allow foreign delegates to land in England. The gathering was, thereupon, transferred to Warsaw.

On May 7, 1951, the Department of State published a bulletin entitled "The Phony 'Peace' Offensive," in which the World Peace Council was discussed in the blarest terms. The State Department served correctly that "the east program of this shadowy group (the World Peace Council) coincides in the foreign policy objectives of the U.S.S.R." A clearer warning could hardly have been issued. "Let no one be deceived by the World Peace Council," said the State Department. "It is an organ of Soviet foreign policy. It is a tool of the phony 'peace' offensive."

This international "peace" apparatus of the Kremlin has been busy in the United States, through its fronts as the American Peace Council, the Committee on Peaceful Alternatives, the Mid-Century Conference for Peace, the National Labor Conference for Peace, and the "World Peace Appeal." In the summer of 1950, the "World Peace Appeal" was widely distributed for signatures of Americans. The Pan Information Center, an American adjunct of the international "peace" apparatus, released the names of six hundred thirty signers of the "World Peace Appeal." Of that total, two hundred fifty-three were Protestant clergymen. The names of only forty-seven professors were included in the release. Only twenty-nine labor union officials were on the list of signers.

Among the six hundred thirty signers of the phony "World Peace Appeal," we find the following: the Rev. Cullen B. Wilson, Opelika, Alabama; the Rev. Horatio H. Crawford, Yuma, Arizona; the Rev. Kenneth R. Tapp, Wilkes-Barre, Connecticut; the Rev. William C. Muntz, Greenville, Delaware; the Rev. Edward Martin, Palatka, Florida; the Rev. Louis C. Phelps, Nampa, Idaho; the Rev. Peter Langendorf, Hammond, Indiana; the Rev. M. Dorr, Osage, Iowa; the Rev. Wrig M. Horton, Edna, Kansas; the Rev. W. R. Brown, Ashland, Kentucky; the Rev. Francis C. Hawes, Wintuport, Maine; the Rev. G. Carl Cromwell, Towson, Maryland; the Rev. Paul G. Hayes, Albert, Minnesota; the Rev. J. L. Tolbe, New Albany, Mississippi; the Rev. Lowell D. Jones, St. Louis, Missouri; the Rev. J. L. Tolbe, New Albany, Mississippi; the Rev. Lowell D. Jones, St. Louis, Missouri; the Rev. J. L. Tolbe, New Albany, Mississippi; the Rev. Lowell D. Jones, St. Louis, Missouri.

the Rev. Paul L. McClure, Las Vegas, Nevada; the Rev. George R. Wolverton, Franklin, New Hampshire; the Rev. George Teague, Tenack, New Jersey; and the Rev. Charles H. Davis, Haskell, Oklahoma. The addresses of these clergymen give further proof that the Communist "peace" apparatus has blanketed the entire country, penetrating into the very small cities and towns of the nation.

Other comparisons will indicate the predominance of clergymen among the supporters of the Communist-front apparatus.

The Mid-Century Conference for Peace was one of the units in the phony Communist "peace" offensive. It was convened in Chicago in May, 1950. Among three hundred sixty supporters of this Communist front, there were one hundred eighty-four clergymen, ninety-eight educators, and only twenty-three labor union officials.

Two Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, another of the units in the phony Communist "peace" offensive, sent an open letter to members of Congress, which was signed by six hundred thirty-seven clergymen and only seventy-four educators.

Another of the current units of the Communist-front apparatus, the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act (the Internal Security Act of 1950), issued a press release signed by five hundred twenty-eight clergymen and only one hundred nine educators.

The oldest unit of the Communist-front apparatus in this country is the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, an organization cited as "Communist and subversive" by the Attorney General. The ACPFB specializes in the defense of alien Communists who have been arrested for deportation. To join in the defense of their alien agents of the Moscow conspiracy, the ACPFB has been successful in enlisting hundreds of Protestant clergymen. In fact, the honorary chairman of the ACPFB is the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Utah (retired). Among the current sponsors of the organization, we find the following clergymen: the Rev. Paul J. Alford, Presbyterian Minister of Lansing, Michigan; the Rev. Frank D. Campbell, Del Rosa, California; the Rev. L. A. Gross, Chicago; the Rev. Edward L. Prett, Mill Valley, California; and the Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, Philadelphia.

A recent ACPFB leaflet entitled "Clergymen Condemn Deportations" was signed by ninety-seven Protestant clergymen, including such veteran supporters of the Communist-front apparatus as the following: the Rev. Lee H. Bell, Irvington, New York; the Rev. Boris Brodbeck, Bismarck, Pennsylvania; the Rev. Mark

A. Chamberlin, Gresham, Oregon; the Rev. John W. Dart, Jr., New York City; the Rev. Oliver G. Drappier, Cleveland, Ohio; the Rev. Charles A. Hill, Detroit; the Rev. Chester E. Hodgson, Newark, New Jersey; the Rev. John Howland Lathrop, Brooklyn; and the Rev. James D. Wyker, Missouri.

One of the oldest Communist enterprises for clergymen in this country is known as the People's Institute of Applied Religion, reference to which has been made in these pages already. The present headquarters of the PIAR are in Helena, Alabama.

The Attorney General of the United States has listed the People's Institute of Applied Religion as "Communist and subversive." The director of the PIAR is the Rev. Claude C. Williams, who admitted some years ago that his Communist Party membership card was made out in the name of "John Galey."

The People's Institute of Applied Religion specializes in disseminating Communist propaganda among preachers in rural communities in the South. The PIAR director, Claude Williams, wrote one of his local leaders, with reference to a PIAR conference to be held in Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, as follows: "Write me in the enclosed envelope stating that I can depend upon you and Moore to have at least ten real hill-billy, honest-to-God Bible preachers here for the institute. We'll pay, oil and kerosene as promised before. And I'm sure that I can get you on the payroll."

The payroll to which Williams referred in his letter was the payroll of the Home Missions Council of North America, of which the Rev. Mark A. Dawber was then executive secretary. The Home Missions Council was one of the most important Protestant church bodies in America. It was recently made the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. According to the Rev. Claude C. Williams, the Home Missions Council made cash subsidies for the work of the People's Institute of Applied Religion. Shocking as it may seem to sincere Protestant Christians in this country, the undisputed fact is that some of their Christian-dedicated dollars went to support the dissemination of Communism and subversion among rural clergymen.

Among the international board members and sponsors of the People's Institute of Applied Religion, we find the following prominent clergymen listed on the current letterhead: the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher; the Rev. Jack R. McMichael, executive secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action; the Rev. Harry F. Ward; and the Rev. Wilbur Upham, co-director of the American Peace Crusade. These four

clergymen are, as has been observed already, among the top five pro-Soviet propagandists in the United States, outside the known leaders of the Communist Party.

Also listed as international board members and sponsors of the PIAR are the following Protestant clergymen: the Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, Los Angeles; the Rev. Chester E. Hodgson, Newark; the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red" Dean of Canterbury; the Rev. John Howland Lathrop, Brooklyn; the Rev. Harold P. Marley, Chicago; the Rev. William Howard Melish, Brooklyn; the Rev. John B. Thompson, Dean of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel; the Rev. Kenneth Leslie, editor of *The Protestant*; the Rev. Charles C. Webber, president of the C.I.O. Council of Virginia; and the Rev. John Whittier Dart, Jr., New York City.

*The Protestant*, edited from its inception by the Rev. Kenneth Leslie, has long been a Communist propaganda medium among clergymen. Formerly published in New York City, this subversive magazine is now issued in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The April, 1953, issue of *The Protestant* opens with a poem (7) entitled "Mao Cooks a Dish." Mao is, of course, the head of the Red terroristic regime in China. The poem closes with the following lines:

Goop of all Asia summons all Asia:  
Come to the feast that our Mao is preparing!

With reference to the armed forces of the United States, the poem in *The Protestant* has the following lines:

Flaming them down in Korea while sharpening  
Chopsticks for Europe, chopsticks for Asia.

Backing the rank Communist propagandists of *The Protestant* and listed as "editorial advisers" in the April, 1953, issue are the following clergymen: the Rev. William T. Baird, Essex Community Church, Chicago; the Rev. Russell C. Barbour, editor of the *National Baptist Voice*, Nashville; Reginald H. Ben, New York City; the Rev. I. Jonathan Dumas; the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher; the Rev. Sidney E. Harris, Woodburne, Oregon; the Rev. A. Eustace Hayden, University of Chicago; the Rev. Donald Lothrop, Community Church of Boston; the Rev. E. D. McGowan, Epworth Methodist Church, Bronx; the Rev. John A. Maynard, French Protestant Episcopal Church, New York City; the Rev. Lloyd Frank Merrill, Manchester, Michigan; the Rev. Dryden L. Phelps, former missionary in China; the Rev. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association; the Rev. Wilfred Wakefield, Brookfield, Illinois; and the Rev. Claude C. Williams.

director of the People's Institute of Applied Religion.

*The Protestant*, formerly known as *The Protestant Digest*, has been viciously anti-Catholic as well as pro-Communist. Hardly an issue of the magazine has appeared in the past fifteen years in which there were fewer than a half dozen articles breathing hatred toward Roman Catholics and love for the Soviet Union.

*The Protestant* brazenly defended the Hungarian torture and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty.

In its December-January, 1942, issue, *The Protestant* carried the following editorial rhapsody entitled "God's Red Army":

It is not because Russia has arched us that we thank God for the Red Army. . . . It is simply because of what Russia is and because of the quality of the Red Army itself, the spiritual quality of its soldiers, the way its soldiers feel toward its people, the way its soldiers feel toward their enemies. This is why, listening to our innumerable voice, we hear ourselves thanking God for the Red Army.

In the fall of 1941, two months before Pearl Harbor, *The Protestant* obtained the signatures of one thousand Protestant clergymen to a manifesto calling for all-out aid to the Soviet Union. *The Daily Worker* featured this achievement with a Page One, eight-column banner headline. The manifesto declared, among other things, that "not one member of any branch of our Government is Communist." Why one thousand Protestant clergymen considered themselves competent to sign such a preposterous statement is a question to ponder. Its falsity has been fully established. Among the signers of the statement, we find the following: the Rev. John A. Mearns, president of Princeton Theological Seminary; the Rev. D. V. Jamison, president of the National Baptist Convention; the Rev. Walter M. Horton, Oberlin College; the Rev. Joseph F. Fletcher; the Rev. Guy Emery Shipley; the Rt. Rev. G. Ashmun Oldham, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Albany; and the Rev. Rufus W. Weaver, chairman of the Baptist Public Relations Committee.

One of the most effective pro-Soviet propaganda media in the United States during the past generation has been the Methodist Federation for Social Action.

On February 17, 1953, the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives released an 87-page report entitled "Review of the Methodist Federation for Social Action." This report established beyond the possibility of successful contradiction that views and policies of the MFSFA hav-

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

On the church level, the opposition to the visit of Metropolitan Nicolai and his fellow travelers to the United States was led by the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches.

The ACCC was organized in September, 1941, and consists today of 16 co-operating Protestant denominations and associations of churches maintaining the historic Christian faith, which, in the modernist-fundamentalist controversy, are described as "splinter groups," "fundamentalists," "conservative," "Bible-believing."

The headquarters offices of the American Council are at 15 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y., and its president is the Rev. Dr. Clyde J. Kennedy, Tacoma, Wash.

The International Council of Christian Churches was organized in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, August, 1948, and consists today of 64 Protestant denominations, standing together in Christian fellowship and co-operation. The ICOC has in association with it 17 national and regional councils throughout the world and 23 missionary societies in "The Associated Missions of the ICOC." It has held four plenary congresses—Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1948; Geneva, Switzerland, 1950; Philadelphia, U.S.A., 1954; and (Juitandinha, Rio-Petropolis, Brazil, 1958. The fifth will be in London, 1962.

The headquarters of the International Council are at Siegel 385, Amsterdam C, The Netherlands, and its president is the Rev. Dr. Carl McIntire, Collingswood, N. J., U.S.A.

All of these councils, regional alliances, and missionary societies associated with them are a fellowship. They are not interested in building a "one-world church" or a "one-world government." They defend the concept of the parity of the church, with each church maintaining the integrity of its own creed.

The unity for which Christ prayed in John 17 is a spiritual unity built upon the truth. This is opposed to the ecumenical concept of the inclusive church with groups having all manner of conflicting opinions concerning Christ calling themselves "one" and building a super-visible, Babylon church.

These two councils have been militant in their opposition to modernism, apostasy, neo-orthodoxy, and the new evangelicalism. The movement with which they are identified is popularly called the Twentieth Century Reformation.

The Preamble to the ICOC's constitution and the doctrinal statement included in the constitutions of these two councils and to which all subscribe without mental reservation are as follows:

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ to make a clear testimony to their faith in Him, especially in these darkening days of apostasy in many professing Churches, by which apostasy whole denominations in their official capacity, as well as individual Churches, have been swept into a pernicious stream of modernism under various names and in varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, There has been a notable growth of unscriptural domination on the part especially of modernistic leaders by whom the rightful powers of true Churches are often usurped and are now being usurped; and

WHEREAS, The commandments of God to His people to be separate from all unbelief and corruption are clear and positive; and also

WHEREAS, We believe the times demand the formation of a world-wide agency, for fellowship and co-operation on the part of Bible-believing Churches for the proclamation and defense of the Gospel, for the maintenance of a testimony pure, steadfast and world-wide to those great facts and revealed truths of historic Christianity

and especially to the great doctrines of the Protestant Reformation, for the accomplishment of tasks which can better be done in co-operation than separately, and to facilitate the discharge of the obligations which follow in the Commission of Christ to His Church to make known the Gospel of Christ to every kindred and tongue and tribe and nation.

Therefore, the bodies of various nationalities and languages forming this Council, do now establish it as an agency, without compromise or evasion, unreservedly dedicated to a witness to "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints."

Doctrinal Statement

Among other equally Biblical truths, we believe and maintain the following:

- a. The plenary Divine inspiration of the Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and, as the Word of God, the supreme and final authority in faith and life;
- b. The Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- c. The essential, absolute, eternal Deity, and the God and proper, but distinct, humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- d. His birth of the virgin Mary;
- e. His substitutionary, expiatory death, in that He gave His life "a ransom for many";
- f. His resurrection from among the dead in the same body in which He was crucified and the second coming of this same Jesus in power and great glory;
- g. The total depravity of man through the Fall; Salvation, the effect of regeneration by the Spirit and the Word, not by works, but by grace through faith;
- h. The everlasting bliss of the saved, and the everlasting suffering of the lost;
- i. The real spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious blood;
- j. The necessity of maintaining, according to the Word of God, the parity of the Church by Gentiles and Jews; And, still believing the Apostles' Creed to be a statement of Scriptural truth, we therefore incorporate it in these articles of faith.

throughout the years closely paralleled those of the Communist Party.

For many years, the active leaders of the Methodist Federation for Social Action was the Rev. Prof. Harry F. Ward. He was succeeded by the present executive secretary, the Rev. Jack A. McMichael. It would be hard to find two more effective pro-Soviet propagandists in the United States than Ward and McMichael. Ward has spent a great deal of time in the Soviet Union, and has written several books extolling the Soviet system. McMichael was head of the Communist and subversive American Youth Congress. Both clergymen have been affiliated with scores of units of the Communist-front apparatus.

The present officers of the Methodist Federation are as follows: President, Bishop Edgar A. Love; Vice-Presidents, Bishop J. W. E. Bowen and the Rev. Edgar Wahlberg; Recording Secretary, Lloyd Worley; Treasurer, the Rev. Lee H. Bell; and Honorary Chairman, Bishop Francis J. McConnell.

Inasmuch as the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities has already made extensive investigations of the Communist affiliations of clergymen, and published an entire report on one organization of clergymen — the Methodist Fed-

eration for Social Action — it is difficult to understand the protest registered at this late date against the investigation of pro-Communist clergymen. It is especially difficult to understand these protests when they emanate from Congressmen who are members of the Committee on Un-American Activities, all of whom concurred in the previous investigations of clergymen.

Following the suggestion of Congressman Harold Velde, chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities, that his committee might pursue its investigations into the pro-Communist affiliations of clergymen in the future, tens of thousands of letters and telegrams poured into the office of Congressman Velde. Ninety-six percent of these communications backed Velde. The communications received from clergymen themselves were likewise overwhelming in their approval of the Congressman's suggestion.

Why, one often hears, is it a matter of any great concern that ministers of the Gospel join, sponsor, or otherwise support the Communist-front apparatus? The answer to that question is that the Communist-front apparatus is an integral part of the whole nefarious

Communist conspiracy to destroy us; that it is assigned as definite a role as the Communist Party itself, the espionage cells, the Communist training schools, and the Communist press. In the May issue of AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNISM, the multiple uses of the Communist-front apparatus were set forth in some detail. The reader is invited to refer to that discussion in my article on "Communism and the Colleges."

It hardly needs to be said that the vast majority of American Protestant clergymen are loyal to the free institutions of this country, as well as loyal to their solemn trust as ministers of the Gospel. In a sense, this overwhelming majority is embarrassed by the participation of the minority in the activities of the most sinister conspiracy in the history of the world.

The international Communist conspiracy aims at the total obliteration of Judeo-Christian civilization. Communist dogma is diametrically opposed to every tenet of Judeo-Christian theology and philosophy. It is, therefore, nothing short of a monstrous puzzle that some even thousand Protestant clergymen have been drawn during the past seven years into the network of the

Kremlin's conspiracy. Could it be that these pro-Communist clergymen have allowed their soul for social justice to run away with their better judgment and patriotism?

A partial explanation of these thousands of clergymen who have collaborated in one way or another with the Communist-front apparatus may be found in the pages of the "social gospel" which infected the Protestant theological seminaries more than a generation ago. Many graduates of the "liberalized" Protestant seminaries abandoned religion altogether in favor of the "social gospel."

The Rev. Walter Rauschenbush, with his *Christianism as Social Order*, and the Rev. Harry F. Ward, with his *The New Social Order*, pioneered the "social gospel" in the years before World War I, the former a Baptist and the latter a Methodist. In the generation which followed, these two men recruited through their teaching and writings thousands of younger clergymen who began to fancy themselves as modern editions of the Eighth Century Prophets — Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Micah. They forgot that these Prophets were as passionately concerned with individual human freedom as they were with social justice.

**NCC'S DENOMINATIONS - VOTING MEMBERS AND CO-OPERATING CHURCHES**  
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**THE 22 CONSTITUENT COMMUNITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

African Methodist Episcopal Church African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas American Baptist Churches American Baptist Lutheran Church American Church of North America Brethren American Evangelical Lutheran Church Brethren Church, International Christian Community (Division of Christ) Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	Church of the Brethren Evangelical United Brethren Church Evangelical Unity of Czech Slovaks Synods in North America The Youth Society of Friends The Young Men's and Women's Association The Young People's Society of Christ and the Apostles The United Church of Christ The United Methodist Church National Council of Churches, U.S.A., Inc.	National Society of Music National Society of Friends Polish National Catholic Church of America Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Presbyterian Episcopal Church Reformed Church in America Reformed Church of America United Presbyterian Church of America United Methodist Church	Seventh Day Baptist General Conference United Methodist Church of America United Church of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church General Council of Congregational Churches Christian Community United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
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Chart below was released by the NCC, July, 1958  
**RELATION OF NON-MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL UNITS**

	MEMBERSHIP (1958 Yearbook)	Christian Education	Missionary Education (Commission of DCE)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Departments of Christian Life and Work					United Church Women	United Church Men	Broadcasting and Films	Church World Service	Ecumenism
						Stewardship	Economic Life	Religious Liberty	Worship and Arts	Social Welfare					
Advent Christian Church	30,644	X													
American Lutheran Church	671,446	X	X	X		X	..			X			..	X	X
Anglican Church of Canada			X	X		X								X	X
Assemblies of God	470,361											X			
Associate Reformed Presby.	27,467	X												X	
Baptist Federation of Canada			X	X		X									X
Brothers in Christ	6,092			X											
The Brethren Church	18,697					X									
Church of Christ (Holiness)	9,018	X													
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	127,395	X	X		X	X									
Church of the Nazarene	277,618	X	X			X			..		X				X
Churches of God in No. America	36,082	X		X							X		X		X
Community Churches, Int. Cl.															X
Cumberland Presbyteries	85,631	X	X	X	X	X					X				
Evangelical Congregational	28,994					X								X	
Evangelical Lutheran	1,021,080	X		X											
Evangelical Covenant	55,311			X						X			X		X
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran	35,672														X
Free Methodist	54,014														
Friends, Calif. Yearly Mtg.	967														
Friends, Kansas Yearly Mtg.	6,459			X											
General Baptist	55,308		X												
Lutheran Brethren	3,280														
Lutheran Church - Mo. Synod	2,576,880						..	X	..	X					
Lutheran Free Church	78,185			X									..		
Mennonite Church	78,513													X	X
Mennonite Church, Gen. Conf.	38,118	X		X	X					X					
North American Baptist	261,288			X											
Presbyterian Ch. in Canada			X	X		X									
Reformed Episcopal Church	2,014											X			
Salvation Army	247,964														
Seventh Day Adventists	289,148									X	X				
Southern Baptist	8,700,481			X				X					X		
Schwengfelder	2,168			X							X				
United Church of Canada		X	X	X	X	X									
Universalist	70,516			X									X		X
United Evang. Lutheran	54,098														
Wesleyan Methodist	49,289		X												
<b>Total non-member communions</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>

JULY, 1958

## 20th CENTURY REFORMATION HOUR

As this compilation (second edition) comes from the press, April 5, 1960, the 20th Century Reformation Hour is being heard on 90 radio stations. The broadcast is sponsored by the Christian Beacon, an eight-page weekly religious newspaper of which the director of the broadcast, the Rev. Carl McIntire, D. D., is the Editor. The 90 stations are:

- ALABAMA**  
Tuscaloosa, WAOT, 1430 kc, 5.30 to 6 a.m.
- CALIFORNIA**  
Burbank, KBLA, 1490 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.  
San Diego, XEMO, 890 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.
- CANADA**  
Camrose, Alberta, CFCW, 1230 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.
- DELAWARE**  
Seaford, WBUX, 1380 kc, 8.35 to 9.05 a.m.
- FLORIDA**  
Auburndale, WTWE, 1570 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Kissimmee, WKBX, 1230 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Pahokee, WRIM, 1260 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.  
Tallahassee, WRFR, 1540 kc  
Tampa, WSOL, 1900 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.
- GEORGIA**  
Avenida Estates, WAVO, 1430 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Thomaston, WSFT, 1230 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
West Point, WRLD, 1490 kc, 8 to 8.30 a.m.
- HAWAII**  
Honolulu, KIKI, 830 kc, 5.05 to 5.35 a.m.
- ILLINOIS**  
Evanston, WNMP, 1590 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Harrisburg, WMBQ (AM and FM), 1240 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Lawrenceville, WAKO, 910 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.
- IOWA**  
Algona, KLGA, 1000 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.  
Clinton, KCLN, 1890 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Creston, KSIJ, 1430 kc, 9.30 to 10 a.m.
- INDIANA**  
Beeville, WENI, 1540 kc, 8 to 8.30 a.m.
- KANSAS**  
Leavenworth, KCLO, 1410 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Parsons, KLEK, 1540 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.
- KENTUCKY**  
Frestonsburg, WDOC, 1510 kc, 7.45 to 8.15 a.m.
- MARYLAND**  
Annapolis, WAJW, 810 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Frostburg, WFRB, 740 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.
- MICHIGAN**  
Marquette, WMAJ, 1400 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.
- MINNESOTA**  
Minneapolis, KEVR, 1440 kc, 6.45 to 7.15 a.m.
- MISSISSIPPI**  
Kosciusko, WKOK, 1260 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
McComb, WAPP, 980 kc, 8 to 8.30 a.m.  
Meridian, WDAL, 1230 kc, 8.15 to 8.45 a.m.  
Widow, WONA, 1570 kc, 8 to 8.30 a.m.
- MISSOURI**  
Neosho, KSTW, 1630 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.
- MONTANA**  
Billings, KOOK, 970 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.  
Butte, KBW, 1490 kc  
Kalispell, KGEK, 990 kc, 6.15 to 6.45 a.m.  
Livingston, KPRK, 1340 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.
- NEW YORK**  
Niagara Falls, WHLD, 1370 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.
- NORTH CAROLINA**  
Bl. Airy, WPAQ, 740 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Murphy, WKRN, 600 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
New Bern, WHIT, 1450 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Newton, WNNC, 1230 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Plymouth, WPNC, 1470 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Sylva, WMSJ, 1480 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.  
West Jefferson, WKEK, 1600 kc, 9.05 to 9.35 a.m.
- OKLAHOMA**  
Ada, KADA, 1230 kc  
Durant, KSEB (AM and FM), 750 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.  
Henryetta, KHEN, 1590 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Miami, KGLC, 810 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Pryor, KOLS, 1570 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Tahlequah, KTLQ, 1240 kc, 7.15 to 7.45 a.m.
- OREGON**  
Albany, KWIL, 730 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.
- PENNSYLVANIA**  
Altoona, WRTA, 1240 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Apollo, WAVL, 910 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Chambersburg, WCBG, 1590 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Chester, WVCH, 740 kc, 7.45 to 8.15 a.m.  
Phillipsburg, WPHB, 1260 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Red Lion, WGOB, 1440 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.
- SOUTH CAROLINA**  
Florence, WOLE, 1230 kc, 9.15 to 9.45 a.m.  
Greenville, WMUU, 1200 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.
- SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Aberdeen, KFDN, 940 kc, 6.15 to 6.45 a.m.
- TEXAS**  
Atlanta, KALT, 900 kc, 9.30 to 10 a.m.  
Corpus Christi, KCTA, 1020 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Gainesville, KGAP (AM and FM), 1590 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.  
Midland, KJBC, 1160 kc, 9.30 to 10 a.m.  
New Braunfels, KGNB, 1430 kc, 8.15 to 8.45 a.m.  
Orange, KOOT, 1000 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.  
Post, KUKO, 1370 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Quanah, KOLJ, 1150 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.
- VIRGINIA**  
Abingdon, WBSI, 1230 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Clifton Forge, WCFV, 1230 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.  
Falls Church, WFAX, 1230 kc, 6 to 6.30 a.m.  
Lawrenceville, WLEH, 590 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.  
Lynchburg, WBRG, 1050 kc, 9.30 to 10 a.m.  
Petersburg, WPPA, 1200 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Radford, WRAD, 1440 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Richmond, WRBG, 1150 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.
- VIRGINIA-TENNESSEE**  
Bristol, WFBG, 900 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.
- WASHINGTON**  
Anacortes, KAOT, 1240 kc, 10 to 10.30 a.m.  
Blaine, KARL, 540 kc, 9.45 to 10.15 a.m.  
Kirkland, KNEK, 1050 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.  
Pasco, KPEW, 1340 kc, 7.30 to 8 a.m.  
Puyallup, KAYH, 1450 kc, 6.15 to 6.45 a.m.  
Quincy, KPQR, 1370 kc, 9.30 to 10 a.m.
- WEST VIRGINIA**  
Martinsburg, WPLH, 1470 kc, 6.30 to 7 a.m.  
Martinsburg, WBPB, 1340 kc, 8.30 to 9 a.m.  
Richwood, WVAR, 9 to 9.30 a.m.  
St. Albans, WKLC, 1360 kc, 7 to 7.30 a.m.
- WISCONSIN**  
Foyette, WIBU, 1240 kc, 8.15 to 8.45 a.m.  
Ripon, WCWC, 1000 kc, 9 to 9.30 a.m.

### WCC RECEIVED CHRISTIAN GREETINGS FROM NICOLAI

(Photographed from the New York Times of August 24, 1959)

### RUSSIAN CHURCHMAN URGES A-TEST BAN

Spoken to the New York Times.

**REODES, Greece, Aug. 23—**An official of the Russian Orthodox Church told the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches today, "Our common moral task is the struggle to stop nuclear weapons tests and to achieve their complete abolition."

The statement was made in a message of greeting from Metropolitan Nikolai, head of the office of foreign relations of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchate in Moscow. It continued:

"We Christians must stand above the political contradictions of our time and give to the divided peoples an example of unity, peace, brotherhood and love, removing ourselves from all self-sufficient isolationism and unfraternal relations to each other."

"We Orthodox Christians are in fraternal sympathy with the ecumenical movement because we believe that our Western brethren honestly aim at overcoming the destructive separation in faith," the Metropolitan said.

The message was described as the most cordial letter ever received by the committee from ecclesiastical authorities behind the Iron Curtain.

national Affairs; Greek Orthodox Dr. Nick Nissiotis; and Burma Baptist U Kyaw Than, administrative secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference.

**Songs of Welcome.** The junketing World Councilmen ranged from Moscow to Leningrad, to Riga in satellite Latvia, to Etchmiadzin in Soviet Armenia, for two days of talks with Vaghen I, Supreme Catholicos of the Armenian Church, with in view of Mt. Ararat, one of the traditional sites of the landing place of Noah's Ark. There were banquets and church services, meetings with Patriarch Alexia and Metropolitan Nikolai (Russian Orthodox's foreign expert), talks with leaders of the Russian Baptists (who claim a membership of 3,000,000) and the Lutheran churches of the Baltic States.

Back in Geneva and jaunty in a Russian fur hat, Secretary Visser 't Hooft last week described the "songs and shouts of welcome, the waving of handkerchiefs, and the joy of being with Christians of other churches, the sincere desire for closer contacts with those from other lands." How was Christianity doing? Orthodox leaders estimated church membership at about 15 million (total population 826,000), and the theological seminaries were well-filled with high-caliber students. Congregations are surprisingly large (as many as 10,000 in one service at Leningrad), but the question is how long they will continue under the Communists' strict policy of cutting off young people from the church. "There are no Sunday schools, no religious youth movements, and it is a fact that most of those we saw in church were over 35 years old, with a majority of them women."

**Truth for Troubled Times.** Church leaders are under close supervision by officials of the Soviet Government's Council for Religious Affairs. "These are full-blooded Marxists, of course," said Visser 't Hooft. "But some of these atheist

supervisors have developed a real liking for their job and show a deep interest in church affairs and history. After all, there may be found in England and Sweden and elsewhere government functionaries in charge of church affairs who are agnostics as well."

Said the general secretary in a farewell message to Russians: "Our hope for the future of the Church of Christ in Russia is based upon the scriptural truth that the word of God is not bound, and will continue its saving work in the future as it has in the past. Your church as well as other churches in the Soviet Union have shown in troubled times that they live by the power that comes from the Holy Spirit, and this power is eternal and ever creative."

**ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE, FEBRUARY 26, 1960, REPORTS FUTURE PLANS FOR COLLABORATION WITH AGENS**

(Buenos Aires) - Plans for increased contacts with the Russian Orthodox Church and other USSR churches were reported in final sessions of the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches in Buenos Aires.

Steps outlined by the Committee to build increased friendship and understanding between the Council and USSR Churches included further exchange of visits and arrangements whereby young Russian Christian students may study at the WCC's Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva.

The Committee also gave its approval to plans for a continuing exchange of documents and for observers from the Russian churches to attend meetings of its Central Committee, and other major sessions.

### WCC DELEGATION COLLABORATES WITH NICOLAI: WORSHIPS UNDER HIS DIRECTION

#### Christianity in Russia

Back from 17 days of traveling, talking and trenching through Russia, a five-man delegation representing the World Council of Churches last week reported what, despite repression, religion in the U.S.S.R. is remarkably "rich and intensive," and that Russian Christians have an "ardent desire" to make contact with their fellow Christians in the West.

The trip was the latest move in a slow warmup of relations with Russian Orthodoxy that has been going on since the World Council's Evanston Assembly in 1944. The makeup of the World Council's delegation to Russia was well designed to dispel any lingering notions Moscow's Patriarch Alexia might have that the W.C.C. was "a political tool of Western imperialism." Under the leadership of World Council General Secretary Willem Visser 't Hooft (Dutch Reformed), the delegation consisted of: British Anglicans Francis House; U.S. Lutheran Dr. G. Frederick Nolde, director of the W.C.C.'s Commission on Inter-



NOLDE METROPOLITAN NIKOLAI & WORLD COUNCILMEN  
VISSER 't HOOft Nothing for the young  
AGENT OF SECRET POLICE!

Mr. Simpson

June 10, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked June 1, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - San Diego (Enclosure)

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that as Baptists, her church belongs to the NCCC and they are concerned about the charges of communist infiltration of the NCCC and also concerned about Dahlberg, who is supposed to have had communist front affiliation. She inquires whether the charges of communism are true in regard to Dahlberg and the NCCC.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
May 18 / 60

Dear Mr Hoover,

As Baptists & belonging to the American Baptist Convention & hence being a part of the National Council of Churches, we are very much concerned about the charges that there is communist infiltration in the churches & the N.C.C. In particular we are concerned about Dahlberg a prominent Baptist who is supposed to have Communist Front affiliations & who it appears will not if the charges are untrue come out with a public denial.

We Baptists feel particularly strongly on the question of separation of Church and State, hence no meddling in Politics no matter what Party.

Also with regard to the much-publicised Air Force Manual is it true that the Manual has been replaced & also are the charges of Communism true in regard to Dahlberg and the National Council of Churches.

This is not just an idle inquiry but more and more Christians are starting to ask these same questions, in fact one Church "First Baptist" in Wichita Kanas has withdrawn its financial support from the American Baptist Convention & also the N.C.C. over these same issues that I am raising now.

Hoping that you through the F.B.I. can help us to find the truth

Very sincerely

/s/ [REDACTED]

Reference to Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg & N.C.C. came from "Baptist Bible Tribune" dated Friday March 4-1960.

Box 106 Springfield Miss.

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Reference to Dr. Edwin J. Dillingham & N.A.A. come from  
"Baptist Bible Debate" Vol. 7 July 1954  
Box 106 Springfield Miss

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June 7, 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest in this matter is being given the highest priority.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluation or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, public or private. The FBI is primarily an investigative agency of the Federal Government and its primary function is to investigate and report on the activities of individuals and organizations which are available to the public. The FBI does not have the authority to investigate the character or integrity of any individual, public or private. I am sure you will understand the reasons for this. The FBI does not have the authority to investigate the character or integrity of any individual, public or private.

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Director

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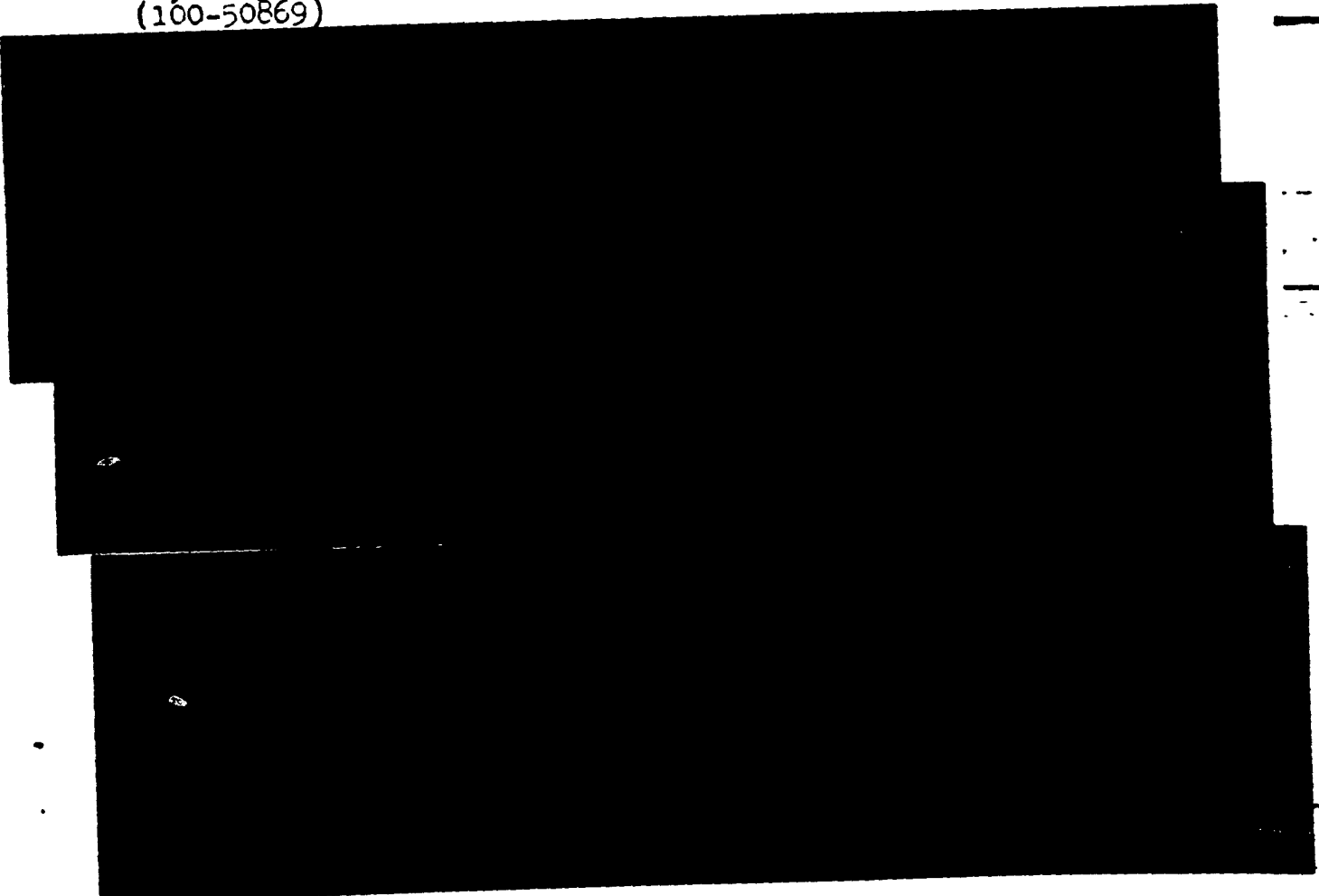
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(NOTE TO RICHMOND CONTINUED, PAGE THREE)

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(NOTE TO RICHMOND, CONTINUED)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent: (1) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"; (2) "God and Country or Communism?"; (3) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asks the following questions:

(1) Does the Bureau have proof that there are communists in the National Council of Churches? (2) What information can you give me concerning the Unitarian Church and are the communists behind this organization? (3) Does the book "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy speak the truth? (4) What is the Bureau's opinion of Dr. Billy James Hargis? (5) Would the Director recommend the "American Mercury" magazine as good reading material?

In view of the controversial nature of the subject's inquiries, it is felt that the above reply and enclosed literature will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

July 24, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to you hoping you will please answer a few of many questions I have. I have run into much difficulty on these subjects just in ordinary conversation with people. I know whatever your answers are will be the truth and I expect to show them to all interested parties - they will not count your word and I hope they will begin to search to what goes on around them. I have tried to interest my friends to read more than the daily newspaper. The American Mercury magazine I suggested and also, to listen to Dr. Billy James' lecture - Christian Crusade on the Radio (I am a new listener to him and not sure of the spelling of his name - what little I hope to read in his things true to my ears)

The questions:

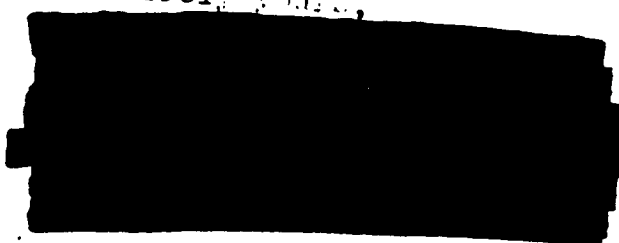
1. Do you have proof that there are Communists in the National Council of Churches? (any other committee on this will be appreciated) I spoke to a minister on this subject the other day there were probably 200 in the Council - I think there are many more than "200".
2. Can you tell me about the situation through the Communists behind this organization?
3. If you have read, "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy - does this book speak the truth? A minister told me some parts were taken out of context.
4. What is your opinion of Dr. Billy James' lectures?

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5. Would you recommend The American Mercury  
Magazine to your family and one that  
GOES best witness to the truth?

Thank you, very much, for any information you  
can give us.

Sincerely,  


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# INTERNATIONAL LETTER

An authoritative report of religious thought and activity around the world.

Compiled and published by the public relations department of the International Council of Christian Churches, 801 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Volume two, number five  
May, 1960

Dear Friends:

The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, W. A. Visser't Hooft, spelled out in precise terms this month, the ultimate goal of the ecumenical movement as personified in the World Council of Churches. Speaking before the American Friends of the WCC at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, Mr. Visser't Hooft clearly dealt with a question often glossed over by ecumenical apologists and frequently subject to contradictory interpretations by WCC leadership.

As reported in the May 12 issue of the independent Protestant Episcopal publication THE WITNESS, the full text of Mr. Visser't Hooft's remarks contained surprisingly frank declarations on the unity of the church -- declarations not reported in newspaper accounts of the talk.

He said: "The Council stands for a clear manifestation of the oneness of the Church of Christ. Cooperation is important, but cooperation is not enough. The WCC can by its nature not be satisfied when the Churches work together and maintain fraternal contact. (emphasis ours) For the question remains -- and it comes to us in the first place from the Lord himself and in the second place from the world: why are you not fully united in faith and order? / It is, therefore, fundamentally a healthy sign that this question of manifest unity has again become a major issue in our discussions. The Faith and Order working committee has proposed to reaffirm the purpose of faith and order in such a way that it become quite clear that the unity for which it stands is the unity of corporate life of all in each place who confess Jesus Christ . . . (emphasis ours) / The question which we have to face is the following: Has the time come when we can give a more precise definition of the kind of unity which we seek together? So far we have been able to say (at Toronto, at Lund, etc.) that we stand for manifest unity. But we have not been able to formulate together what we mean by such unity. Have we now come to a new state? The issue is not whether we can agree now about the specific doctrinal consensus and the form of order which are required for full unity. The question is only whether all are agreed that manifest unity means visible, corporate, local unity."

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Mr. Visser't Hooft's words mean that WCC unity is simply corporate organization of all denominations into one visible church structure. His fear is not that this ultimate unity will be achieved. It is that the necessity of having the issue fully discussed in the member churches before proclaiming corporate unity will be overlooked and churches will feel they have been forced against their will.

The authoritative words of the WCC general secretary cannot easily be explained away by other ecumenists who would have the Christian world believe the council exists only to promote cooperation among the churches and that it is merely a servant body member ship in which means no loss of identification by individual denominations. He has given a clear warning. On whether it is heeded or not will depend the freedom and

May, 1960

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of Christian Churches held in March at the Swanston Street Church of Christ in Melbourne produced official repudiation the "unity" expressed by the National Conference of Australian Churches. NCAC sessions at which Eastern Orthodox Churches and modernistic Protestants were represented with evangelicals was considered "anti-Reformation" by the Australian Consultative Council. Delegates also took exception with the invited presence of Jesuit observers at the same meetings. Officers elected for the new year included: Rev. A. H. Lennox, of the Glen Osmond Bible Church, Adelaide, president; Rev. W. R. McEwen, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, McKimmon, Victoria, secretary; Mr. G. N. Cassidy, of Adelaide, treasurer. The latter officers were re-elected to their posts.

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PRECEEDING SESSIONS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN BUENOS Aires, Argentina, during February, a local executive committee was organized to further the activities of the International Council of Christian Churches in Buenos Aires and throughout Argentina. Officers chosen to guide the neophyte group included Mr. Walter Wright, president; the Rev. Santiago Djimondian, vice-president; and Pedro Bogatto, secretary. The Sixth Assembly of the IAACC will be held in Buenos Aires in January, 1963.

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DS. J. C. MARIS, EUROPEAN SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, spent two weeks in France and Switzerland early this month conferring with the leaders of Bible-believing organizations. While in France, he addressed the annual meeting of the Union de Defense Protestante, held at Nimes, and extended ICCS congratulations to UDP president, The Rev. W. H. Guiton, who had recently observed his 80th birthday. Mr. Guiton has been a vice-president of the International Council since its organization in 1948.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL of Christian Churches in the Netherlands will convene on June 22 in Utrecht. Featured speakers will include the Rev. J. H. Velema, of Apeldoorn, who will discuss "The search for unity as a feature of our day", and ICCS associate general secretary A. Warnaar, Jr. Mr. Warnaar will review the nature of the International Council and its activities in advancing Christian cooperation.

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PRIOR TO DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES AND TIDAL WAVES IN CHILE THIS MONTH, OFFICIALS OF the Council of Fundamentalist Evangelical Churches of Chile met in the First National Baptist Church of San Bernardo to discuss details concerning the CFECC's annual conference scheduled for Concepcion July 21 to 24. General theme of the mid-summer sessions will be "The Present Crisis of the Gospel." Discussions will consider "The New Versions of the Bible," "Biblical Evangelism and Ecumenical Evangelism," and "The Influence Upon the Church of Present Day Political, Social, and Religious Ideas." Two study groups will meet on Literature and Publications and Education and Social Problems.

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RESPONDING TO NEWS OF THE DISASTERS IN CHILE, THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN

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Churches at the end of the month urged its member churches to contribute generously to a fund to assist churches devastated by the earthquakes in rebuilding. Money will also be made available to ease individual sufferings. Contributions may be sent to the ICCC, 801 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood 7, New Jersey.

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THE POSSIBILITY OF A CATHOLIC IN THE WHITE HOUSE CONTINUED TO STIR COMMENT IN RELIGIOUS circles this month in the United States although candidates confronted with the problem in primary election campaigns denied it had any relevancy to the issues which must be faced by a president of the US. From two sources came opposition to "bigotry" labels being stuck on Catholic president opponents. Speaking at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, Florida (as reported in the May 19 NEW YORK TIMES), SBC president Dr. Ramsey Pollard "said that before Roman Catholic groups 'cry out against persecution and bigotry in America' the Catholic Church must 'repent her own sin in the field of religious persecution' and declare that religious freedom is for all men." He stated, "I'm a little bit tired of hearing certain groups in this country fold their hands piously and cry out against bigotry and persecution in America, when I have been to Spain and South America and Portugal and Italy and I have seen Protestant churches closed by the government because of an agreement and an alliance between Catholicism and the government of that state."

In Kansas City, Missouri, the general assembly of the American Council of Christian Churches, meeting at its 18th spring convention, unanimously registered formal disapproval of a Roman Catholic candidate for the presidency. A resolution conveying the assembly's displeasure cited accusations of "bigotry" as efforts to "silence those who are raising pertinent questions relative to our historic American heritage of separation of church and state."

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"THE ROAD AHEAD IN RELIGION" IS DISCUSSED IN AN ARTICLE OF THE SAME TITLE BY DEANE W. Ferm in the May 25 edition of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, an inter-denominational church journal in the United States. Mr. Ferm, dean of the chapel at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, uses his CC space to argue for an universalistic approach to God encompassing more than just the Christian religion.

He writes: "We desperately need in this one-world era a fresh insight into the Christian message. The traditional interpretations have had their innings and they have been found wanting. It may be that another Reformation has become a 'tragic necessity, for it appears as though the road ahead in religion is a universal one and not a particular one. There are signs on the horizon which indicate this approach -- signs which may very well be imprints of the hand of God." After describing the affects of integration and the rapidly narrowing world, Mr. Ferm decides, "What such one-worldness is doing and will do in even greater degree is to break down the man-made barriers of divisiveness, misunderstanding and intolerance which separate us. We will recognize that the divine light must shine in their faiths and traditions. Our claims to 'chosenness' and 'uniqueness' in our religion will melt before the facts of human experience. The walls will come tumbling down . . . this tumbling down of the walls will lead to a rebuilding and 'reconception of religion,' to use William Ernest Hocking's phrase. This is being done already--especially among the laity. It will be done even more so in the future. When persons of diverse religious faiths and racial backgrounds meet together in community and even in religious gatherings, they do not claim superiority for their race or religion. If they did so, they would be considered fanatics. Rather, the universal elements that are held in common come to the fore. . . This is a time for prophets, not priests. The priest is a conservative who looks to the past for his answers. His stress is on particularity and tradition. He sees himself as the guardian of that faith once and for all' delivered to the saints. His slogan is 'Come weal

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come woe, my status is qu . . . He has behind him the prestige of church authority and the following of many of the people who try to keep in step with him because it seems the right thing to do. / The prophet is the liberal who looks to the future for his answers. His emphasis is on present experience. He sees himself as a searcher for the pattern of divinity inherent in all creation."

Mr. Ferm's crisp writing is liberal and modernistic theological thought carried to its eventual conclusion. His article foresees the elimination of Christianity and the final amalgamation of all religions as they all contain "the pattern of divinity inherent in all creation. Mr. Ferm approves. His messages and comments in the chapel at Mount Holyoke College, before still unformed youth, plant the seed for the success of his shared dream. He joins a company of ecumenically-minded men who think for themselves and ignore the wisdom of Proverbs: "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25). In a recent sermon, The Rev. R. Richard Searle of Oak Park, Illinois, summed up God's verdict on those who liberalize the Faith: "The religion of the man who 'thinks for himself' is usually filled with subtle assumptions: that there is no exclusive way for a man to get his eternal reward; that all avenues plotted at any time in the course of human history are potentially valid. . . And the divine verdict upon such man-made religion is inevitable 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord' (Isa. 55)." The road ahead in religion, from Mr. Ferm's vantage point, holds no promise for the honest, believing Christian.

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A FORELOOK: Utterances by theologians desiring integration of all monotheistic faiths will become more public and will be joined by increasing calls for an "inter - religion" conference. A point of argument in favor will be the supposed value of combined moral opposition to communism.

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ABOUT BOOKS: "The African" by William Conton (Atlantic, Little Brown, Boston), 244 pp., \$4.00, and "Evidence of Love" by Dan Jacobson (Atlantic, Little Brown, Boston), 242 pp., \$4.00.

Information concerning race upheavals and the emergence of new nations in Africa have filled newspapers throughout the world and the unwritten implications of news reports have left a desire to know as much about Africa as possible. William Conton's "The African" and Dan Jacobson's "Evidence of Love" are two current works pointing up some of the problems but casting no new light on the solutions. Conton's hero Kamara rises to prominence in a Crown colony after finishing in England an education begun on a Christian mission compound. Little enough of Christianity seems to have rubbed off on Kamara as he finds solace and strength for his undertakings in his age-old native gods. He founds a new party with mass appeal, reaches a position of importance in the local government, brings about self-government, engages in conversations with other neophyte countries about the possibility of a United States of Africa, explains his understanding of the white man, and only his wife and good friend go to jail for his political theories. Not even his political position provides the reason for their arrest. Conton writes with the confidence of an emerging African. But his story seems too pat when confronted with present explosive situations. Dan Jacobson is more realistic. He explores the "respectable" blacks who are content with compounds and hand-outs and finds them not agreeable. He is full of sympathy for the young negroes torn between family loyalties and a desire for equal rights. Jacobson's hero, Kenneth Maaker, an almost white African in South Africa, unrealistically prodded by idealistic whites, reaches a cul-de-sac of desperation seemingly resolved only by an inter-racial love affair. He returns to South Africa knowing that in so doing he will be arrested for violation of the state moral law. He is, and the story remains unresolved as Africa is today. Jacobson's is the better effort. Neither author offers solutions. Both reveal a substantial lack of Christian influence in Africa capable of achieving a peaceful, well grounded reconciliation.

Sincerely yours,

INTERNATIONAL LETTER

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June 6, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Seattle (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, SEATTLE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO SEATTLE, CONTINUED

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

[REDACTED]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent and members of his church are concerned whether the NCCC is affiliated with the communist movement. They have read literature from Dan Smoot, House Committee on Un-American Activities and Circuit Riders which indicates that the NCCC is so affiliated. Correspondent requests the Bureau furnish the facts about the NCCC and Mr. Dahlberg. He also requests the Bureau's opinion as to the authenticity of Circuit Riders, House Committee on Un-American Activities and Dan Smoot.

[REDACTED]  
May 24, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a member of [REDACTED] Lutheran Church ([REDACTED]  
Lutheran Church) located at [REDACTED] but our address is  
[REDACTED]

We are very concerned about the National  
Council of Churches of Christ as to whether they are affiliated  
in any way with the Socialist-Communist movement.

We have literature from Dan Smoot, Circuit Riders,  
and House Committee on Unamerican Activities which say that they  
are. I, myself, believe that these articles are true but we have  
members in our Church who do not believe them but they say that  
if J. Edgar Hoover said so, then they would believe it.

So I would like to have your opinion as to the  
facts regarding The National Council of Churches of Christ.  
Are they Communist infiltrated? What about Mr. Dahlberg, president  
of the council? Also would like your opinion on authenticity  
of Circuit Riders, House Committee on Unamerican Activities,  
and Dan Smoot.

We wish to be good citizens and good church  
members but we do not want to support Communism in any form.

Thanking you for any information that you can give  
us that we may know the truth, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Kansas City (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reveal that the writer has had prior correspondence with the Kansas City Office, Kansas City file 62-7551. (44-0-2221)

NOTE TO KANSAS CITY, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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NOTE TO KANSAS CITY, CONTINUED

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that a Reverend Hargis, a radio preacher, claims that a leader of the NCCC is a communist. He asks if any present or past leader of the NCCC is a communist or have any leaders been charged with being communists. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Correspondent communicated in October, 1959, with the Kansas City Office and furnished a copy of his communication to the Bureau. [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

May 24, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir--

I have been informed that a Rev. Hargis, a radio preacher of Tulsa, Okla., claims that a leader of the National Council of Churches is a Communist.

Please tell me whether or not this is so.

Is any leader of the National Council of Churches a Communist, or has any leader of same ever been charged with being a Communist?

Very truly yours

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

May 24, 1966

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that a Rev. George, a radio preacher of Tulsa, Okla. claims that a leader of the National Council of Churches is a Communist.

Please tell me whether or not this is so.

~~My only~~  
Is any leader of the National Council of Churches a Communist, or has any leader of same ever been charged with being a Communist?

Very truly yours

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4 - MR. TOLSON

June 1, 1960

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 20, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. In keeping with this policy, I can state that I have made no statements such as you have mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FBI SAC, Indianapolis (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope which has been used for this reply.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the National Council of the Churches of Christ today.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated that the Director has been quoted in his area as the authority in declaring that the "National Council of Churches and Protestant Ministers" has been infiltrated by the CP. He asked, "Have you made such statements?" Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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Mr. Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

May 20, 1960

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Honorable J. Edgar Hoover:

Within the past two months there has been widespread quotation in our area of you as an authority declaring that the National Council of Churches and Protestant Ministers have been infiltrated by the Communist Party. Have you made such statements? It is a matter of vital concern in the Board of Elders of our congregation. I am sorry to intrude in your busy schedule, but the matter has become so grave that we need some enlightenment from you.

For your convenience I am enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please let me affirm my deep appreciation for your kindness in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 18, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your interest in writing.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have in our files the specific information you desire.

It was good of you to give me the benefit of your views on "Masters of Deceit," and I deeply appreciate the generous comments you made about it. Communism is surely one of the deadliest menaces facing our democratic way of life, and anyone who helps alert our people to its dangers deserves the thanks of all good Americans. You have by your efforts contributed to this end, and I do not believe you should feel discouraged solely on the basis that you are few in number and that Forsyth is a small community. No force is too small to assist in the fight against this evil. In this regard, I am enclosing some additional material on the topic which I believe will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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God & Country or Communism, Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion, How To Beat Communism, Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality, 17th CP Convention.

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record with respect to [REDACTED] She asked the Director to tell her if it were true that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated with communists and are publishing communistic literature. She also said her community had been trying to fight communism, but she felt they were too small to have any effect.

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[Redacted]  
 May 18th 1960.

J. Edgar Hoover,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington,  
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Dear Mr. Hoover: -

Having just completed reading your book "Masters of Deceit," am writing to you to compliment you on putting the dangers of communism before the public. Have also read "The Pentagon Case" by J. Victor Fox.

The Business and Professional Women's Club of Forsyth presented the program on your "Masters of Deceit," put out by the Quaker Oats Co., and several other organizations have put it on since then.

What I'm writing about Mr. Hoover is to find out if there is anything we can do to help fight this terrible curse here in America. A small group of people meet & discuss the seriousness of it, but don't do anything about it. What is the answer? I know in your book the chapter "What you can do," but we are such a small community.

Can you also tell me if it is true that the National Council of Churches, is infiltrated with Communists, and are publishing Communistic literature for use in our Protestant churches and Sunday schools?

Thank you for the time I've taken.

Very sincerely,

/s/ [Redacted Signature]

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J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Very Sincerely,

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1 - Mr. Farrow

May 31, 1960

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Your letter dated May 19, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the presence of communism in this country. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

1 - Indianapolis (enclosure)  
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ATTENTION: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or the United Christian Temperance Union.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the NCCC and the United Christian Temperance Union. He states that a member of his church is concerned over the recent reports of the communist infiltration of the NCCC. He asks if the United Christian Temperance Union supports the NCCC.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests.

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May 19, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Head of F.B.I  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been requested by one of the members of this church to find information regarding the National Council of Church and the United Christian Temperance Union.

The [REDACTED] Christian Church doesn't belong to either one, ~~this~~ but this member does and is worried because the recent report of Communist Infiltration into the National Council of Church.

Does the United Christian Temperance Union support the NCC? Will you sent me the need material on Communist Infiltration into the National Council of Churches.

Thank You !

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/24/60

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (62-1344)

SUBJECT: AIR FORCE TRAINING MANUAL  
Student Text NR 45-0050,  
INCR. V, Vol. 7  
Information Concerning  
[REDACTED] Complainant

Re Director's letter to [REDACTED]  
dated 4/8/60, and Indianapolis letter to Director,  
dated 4/19/60.

On 5/16/60, [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning captioned matter. [REDACTED] was advised the FBI had never issued a statement pertaining to the subversive affiliation of some of the translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible as contained in the Air Force Training Manual "Individual and Group Defense." [REDACTED] was further advised of the confidential nature of the files of the FBI and any information which the FBI might furnish to the Air Force and in which he might come in possession of in his official duties as a [REDACTED]. It was further explained to [REDACTED] the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization. [REDACTED] was further advised of the fact the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not issue clearances or non-clearances. [REDACTED] stated that with regard to his conversation with [REDACTED] he recalled having made reference to the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations but stated he did not recall that in his conversation with [REDACTED] that he had indicated information in the Air Force Training Manual had been furnished to the Air Force by the FBI.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Indianapolis

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[REDACTED] stated that subsequent to an FBI representative having discussed this incident with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had conversed with him and the incident had been straightened out inasmuch as the original issue had been a misunderstanding between [REDACTED] and himself based on a misinterpretation of their original conversation.

In view of the above information, this matter is considered closed in the Indianapolis Office.



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May 25, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 15, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your contribution is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment upon the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or endorsements.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am sure you understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various articles and statements concerning the misuse of information. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some of this material which you might like to see.

MAY 25 1960  
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures - 3

1 - SAC, New Orleans (Enclosure) (SEE NOTE PAGE TWO)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW PAGE TWO

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

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ATTENTION SAC, NEW ORLEANS:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bureau files reveal no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The World Council of Churches is allegedly composed of most of the Christian Churches and certain small sects. Bureau files contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning this organization.

(100-23151)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent writes concerning allegations which have been made against the NCCC and the World Council of Churches to the effect that a "goodly" percentage of the charter members of these two organizations were or have been members of communist organizations. She desires a y information concerning the truth of these accusations. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 11, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Room 3 Bureau of Investigation.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Reference is made to the letterhead memorandum received from you on May 10, 1960, captioned as above. The Bureau is currently conducting an investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the North American Council on Soviet-Security Information. The Bureau is also conducting an investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the North American Council on Soviet-Security Information. The Bureau is also conducting an investigation of the activities of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and the North American Council on Soviet-Security Information.

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Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
MAY 11 1960

100 - 50869 -

May 17, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 10, 1960, relative to the American Baptist Convention has been received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

In response to your inquiry, I have never, under any circumstances, made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches of Christ.

The article entitled "God or Chaos" is no longer available. However, I am taking the liberty of sending you some material which I believe you will find of interest. Your concern with the deadly menace of communism is most reassuring, and if we can be of further service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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List of Enclosures:

God and Country or Communism?

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

March, 1960, LEB Introduction

Director's statement concerning 17th National Convention, CPUSA

NOTE:

[REDACTED] Present correspondence asks the Director's opinion of the National Council of Churches, prior to the June session of the American Baptist Convention. [REDACTED] said that one of the large churches had asked that the Convention's relationship with the National Council of Churches be reviewed in order that this question could be discussed in June. [REDACTED] quoted the Director as having said in a letter dated 2-3-51 that he had never criticized the Federal Council or the National Council. He asked the Director if he would reaffirm the statement.

May 10, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

The annual sessions of the American Baptist Convention will be held in Rochester, N. Y., the first week in June. At that time one of our large churches has asked us to review our relationship with the National Council of Churches on the basis of the fact that that Council is infiltrated by Communists or Communist sympathizers. [REDACTED] It is my responsibility to determine what documentation is needed for a clear and factual discussion of this important matter.

I have been told that you have prepared a seven page article entitled "God or Chast" in which you discuss how far Communists have already penetrated churches in the United States. Would it be possible for you to send me the complete article that I might read it in its full context?

I also have seen a copy of a letter written by you to Mr. B. L. Rogers of Roanoke, Virginia, dated February 3, 1951 in which you make the following statement: "I want you to know that neither on this occasion nor at any other time have I ever made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches." Is it possible for you to reaffirm that statement at this time, or has some new development arisen which now makes it necessary for you to come to some other conclusion?

I hate to bother you with matters of this kind because I know the pressure of your schedule. On the other hand, for us it is important that we get information first hand and not through any other kind of documentation. Let me thank you in advance for what cooperation you can give me in this matter.

Cordially,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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1 - Mr. Farrow

May 20, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Springfield (enclosure)

**ATTENTION: SAC, SPRINGFIELD**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE TO SPRINGFIELD, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]

NOTE TO SPRINGFIELD. CONTINUED

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asked the following questions:

1. "Have you, as director of the organization responsible for such problems, found that the leaders of the National Council of Churches are communists."
2. "Have you found any evidence that the National Council of Churches is seeking to subvert the government of our country, or that its leaders are seeking to subvert the government of our country so that communism may come into our country."
3. "Has the F.B.I. any proven evidence that the churches of our country and their leaders are disloyal to their country and their Christ, and are instead seeking to lead our congregations into communism."

Correspondent stated that he appreciates the excellent and fine job the Director and his men are doing for our country.

In view of the controversial nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 9, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently the leaders of certain particular groups have attacked leaders of the National Council of Churches and other larger denominational groups, accusing them of being communists. I would like to address three questions to you:

1. Have you, as director of the organization responsible for such problems, found that the leaders of the National Council of Churches are communists.
2. Have you found any evidence that the National Council of Churches is seeking to subvert the government of our country, or that its leaders are seeking to subvert the government of our country so that communism may come into our country.
3. Has the F.B.I. any proven evidence that the churches of our country and their leaders are disloyal to their country and their Christ, and are instead seeking to lead our congregations into communism.

I realize that these are very pointed questions. However, they represent the sum of the accusations being made by certain groups. I do not believe that these accusations are true. The National Council of Churches has defended itself. Now I would like to have an opinion from one disassociated with the church viewpoint.

I sincerely hope that you will write to me personally and that you will answer the three questions I have asked. We in the churches are concerned, and your letter will help direct the concern of our local church into constructive channels.

Thank you very much for your time and trouble. They are appreciated, as is the excellent and fine job you and your men are doing for our country.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Farrow

May 18, 1960

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter post dated May 9, 1960, also signed by [Redacted] has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the type of information you have requested. You should not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Kansas City (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, PAGE TWO

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Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondents' communication. Bureau files reveal no identifiable data concerning the correspondents.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondents request information concerning the alleged communist infiltration of the NCCC. They ask "What do your files show concerning this?" Correspondents request any information concerning the NCCC or its leaders.

In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is felt that the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We would like to have some information concerning the National Council of Churches.

The Council has been attacked quite severely lately, as you know, by various church groups, as being communistic or soft toward communism.

We cannot feel that this is true as it is made up of the churches in our nation.

What do your files show concerning this?

We would appreciate very much any information you have concerning this organization and its leaders.

Yours Truly,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

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May 6 - 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

National Council of the  
Churches of Christ

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We would like to have some information concerning the National Council of Churches.

The Council has been attacked quite severely lately, as you know, by various church groups as being communistic or left toward Communism.

We cannot feel that this is true as it is made up of the churches in our nation.

What do your files show concerning this?

We would appreciate very much any information you have concerning this organization and its leaders.

Yours truly, C

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1 - Kansas City (encl)  
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May 17, 1950

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 4, 1950, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or reports concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization. The FBI is strictly an law enforcement agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

Your kind personal comments are indeed gratifying and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval. In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures - 4

1 - SAC, Houston (Enclosure)

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Sullivan  
Room

MAY 23 1950

ATTENTION, SAC HOUSTON

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "Communist 'New Look,' a Study in Duplicity."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent expresses her appreciation for the work of the Director and the FBI and states it is only through their efforts that we can expect to defend America. She requests that we furnish her information concerning the background and communist affiliations of the leaders of the NCCC. She states she needs this information to convince friends their churches should withdraw from this organization.

TRUE COPY

May 4, 1960

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you, the FBI and the work you are doing. Only through the efforts of men like you can we expect to defend America. I appreciate the services you are rendering our country.

Would you please direct my letter to the department in your organization which would be able to send me information on the leaders of the National Council of Churches; their background, and communist affiliation. I need this evidence to convince friends in various churches here in Houston that they in turn might influence their churches to withdraw from this communistic, apostate organization. I will appreciate any information you can supply me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY



May 4, 1960

[REDACTED]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you, the FBI and the work you are doing. Only through the efforts of men like you can we expect to defend America. I appreciate the services you are rendering our country.

Would you please direct my letter to the department in your organization which would be able to send me information on the leaders of the National Council of Churches; their background and communist affiliation. I need this evidence to convince friends in various churches here in Houston that they in turn might influence their churches to withdraw from this communistic, apostate organization. I will appreciate any information you can supply me.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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R. L. [Signature]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-50369)

DATE: 5/16/60

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11296)

SUBJECT: CHICOM INFILTRATION OF  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
IS - CH

Re letter to Director, FBI, from Legat, Tokyo,  
dated 4/13/60.

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of  
letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. Indices,  
Kansas City Office, contained no reference identifiable with  
individuals whose names were set out in referenced letter.

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- 1 - Kansas City

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- Mr. Simpson

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100-50767-435

May 18, 1960.

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. We, therefore, do not have any literature of the type you desire and I am unable to suggest a source from which it may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Dallas (See note page two)

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Correspondent inquired if the Bureau has any literature or can recommend any that explains the activities of the National Council of Churches and its inclination toward communism. He would like to have a list of sources where he can secure the literature.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

(100-50859)

[REDACTED]

May 4 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Justice Dept.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

If you have any literature or can recommend any that explains the activities of the National Council of Churches and their inclination towards Communism. I would like to have a list of the places where I can secure the literature.

I would thank you for a prompt reply.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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May 17, 1960

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked May 10, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Baltimore (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SAC, BALTIMORE, PAGE TWO

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
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MAY 18 1960

*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

ATTENTION, SAC, BALTIMORE

There is enclosed a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning him.

The Air Force Manual, referred to by correspondent, was recently the subject of considerable publicity following protests of the NCCC that the Manual linked communism with churches in this country. The Air Force, subsequently, withdrew the Manual. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent attends the University of [redacted] and is Air Force instructor called to the [redacted] attention the controversy over the Air Force Manual. After reading material concerning it, he has contacted his minister to get his views concerning the NCCC. His minister finds no wrong with this organization. He is also writing to the NCCC to get their views concerning this controversy and the allegation made against the organization. Correspondent inquires if the Bureau can furnish him documented information whether the accusations against the NCCC and its leaders are true. He trusts that without violating our "secret files" we may be able to send him the information he desires.



TRUE COPY

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a freshman at the University of [REDACTED] and am enrolled in the AFROTC. My Air Force instructor brought to our attention, the controversy of the Air Force Manual. Following my instructor's lectures on the subject, I have obtained the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings on the Manual. After reading this, I went to both my minister and assistant minister to find the Episcopal Church of Maryland's views on the National Council of Churches and its members sighted in the manual. I was informed that my church finds nothing wrong with the National Council of Churches and its members. I brought to the attention of my ministers the fact that none of these men have denied the accusation. My ministers informed me that the accusation was so ridiculous they need not deny it. In my opinion and after reading your book, Masters of Deceit, it is imperative that they deny being associated with the atheist beliefs of communism.

I find from talking to my ministers, who avoid my questions, that I must find the truth some place. I feel that you can help me by answering my many questions. I am also writing to the National Council of Churches so I can get both sides of story

In the House Un-American Activities pamphlet Mr. Bowie, Mr. Cadbury, Mr. Dahl, Mr. Waterman and Mr. James are associated with communist fronts and causes. Here is the whole reason for me writing this letter, can you prove with documented information, beyond a reasonable doubt that these accusations are true? I hope that without violating your secret files, you may send me information on answering my inquiries.

Thank you,

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

EXP. PROC.  
MAY 11 1960  
National Council of Churches

Dear Mr. Hoover,

National Council of Churches  
of Christ

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MAY 11 1960

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your secret files you may send me information  
regarding my inquiries.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

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Mr. Simpson

May 16, 1960

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EX-105

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated May 4, 1960, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

In view of your interest, however, in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI, which you may like to read.

Your kind personal comments are indeed gratifying, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4)

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1 - Kansas City (Enclosure) (See note page two)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

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- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

**ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The Air Force Manual referred to by the correspondent was recently the subject of considerable publicity following protests by the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) that the Manual linked communism with the churches in the United States. The Air Force subsequently withdrew the Manual. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent inquires if we have any information concerning communist front activity or infiltration into the ranks of the clergy in the United States. He also desires a statement from the Director concerning

**NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED. PAGE THREE**

**NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED:**

the truth or falsity of charges which have grown out of the controversy over the Air Force Manual. He further desires information concerning communist activities on the part of the NCCC and the leaders of that organization and whether it is true or false that there is a list of card-carrying communists among American clergy.

In view of the extremely broad nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Correspondent expresses his thanks to the Director for a valiant service to this Nation and that there are great numbers who appreciate the Director's stand for righteousness.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the

RUTH, and the LIFE, no man cometh unto the

father by me," John 14:6.

1, 4, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

*CONFIDENTIAL*  
I am writing you regarding the charges of  
espionage against the Communist Party in the  
United States. I would appreciate  
any information which might be available  
from you or your department as to either the truth or  
the falsity of the charges such as have grown out of the  
recent "Tommy Marshall" affair.

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UNITED STATES

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 5-4-60

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

*W.C. Sullivan*

Mr. R. E. Cushman, Jr., assistant to Vice President Nixon, by communication dated 4-29-60 referred to us for a draft reply a letter dated 4-21-60 addressed to the Vice President from [REDACTED] requested the Vice President's evaluation of the recent charges against the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) and many of the protestant clergy and whether the Vice President believes the charges made in the Air Force Manual are true.

The only identifiable reference in Dufiles concerning [REDACTED] is a letter from him dated 4-26-47 in which he inquired concerning a communist front organization. Bulet to him dated 5-17-47 pointed out the confidential nature of our files and that no information could be furnished. (100-10355-253)

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In view of the extremely controversial nature of the dispute concerning the Air Force Manual and the NCCC as evidenced by hearings held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning the Manual on 2-25-60 and the fact that on 4-20-60 several Congressmen from the floor of the House of Representatives refuted the allegations that communists have infiltrated the NCCC, it is not believed the Bureau should make any statements concerning the accuracy of these charges. The Bureau, likewise, should make no recommendation to the Vice President concerning the stand he should

Enclosures

MAY 20 1960

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
  - 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
  - 1 - Mr. Simpson
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: [REDACTED]

personally take on this controversial subject. It would appear that this inquiry from Mr. Cushman can best be handled on a personal contact basis at which time the highly controversial nature of this inquiry can be pointed out as well as the potential embarrassment to the Vice President if he takes a positive stand on this issue. Should he desire to make a reply, the enclosed draft may be helpful.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a representative of Assistant Director DeLoach's office personally contact Mr. Cushman in line with the above observations. If you approve, this memorandum should be routed to Assistant Director DeLoach for handling and return of [REDACTED] letter to Mr. Cushman.

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5/11/60  
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- 1-Mr. Parsons
- 1-Mr. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. Belmont
- 1-Mr. Baumgardner
- 1-Mr. Simpson

(SUGGESTED REPLY TO  
[REDACTED])

~~REC-75~~ \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your letter of April 21st, and your kind comments contained therein.

I do not have at hand the evidence or material used in the preparation of the Air Force Manual you mentioned. Hence, I am unable to afford you an evaluation.

I do know, of course, that the Communist Party has made attempts to infiltrate many of our mass organizations, including religious, and to some extent these attempts have been effective. I should like to make it plain, however, that I have the utmost faith in our churches and clergy as a whole, and I have no doubt that any penetration by the Communist Party or subversive movements has been the exception, rather than the rule.

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont, 5-4-60, captioned [REDACTED] Information Concerning, (Internal Security), RDS:pw

Draft reply prepared for the use of Vice President Nixon if he desires to answer the inquiry of [REDACTED]

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1960

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
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Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR

Office of the Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigations

We shall appreciate it if you will have a draft reply prepared to the attached and returned to us with the original correspondence.

R. E. Cushman, Jr.

Letter of April 21 from [redacted]  
Columbus, Ohio

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ENCLOSURE

100-50869-432

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April 21, 1960.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

Last summer my family and I had the great privilege and thrill of being in Washington at the time you returned from your very important trip to Russia. We were at the airport and had the exciting experience of seeing you step off the plane and of listening to the brief address you gave to the audience assembled there. I felt that you had made a tremendous contribution to the welfare of all mankind and the peace of the world through this trip.

Because of your importance to our Federal government, I would like to ask you for your evaluation of the recent wholesale charges which have been launched again against the National Council of Churches and many of the Protestant clergy. Once again we in the church are struggling against an attempt to smear and damage the fact of Protestant unity. I wonder if you believe that the charges originally made through the Air Force Manuals are true. Many of the people in our churches have a tendency to believe them though they are, in my judgment, exhibitions of slander and injustice.

Because of my respect for you I would be very grateful for your evaluation in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,  
/s/ [REDACTED]

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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May 13, 1960

EX-105

[REDACTED]

Information

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that this Bureau does not have available for distribution information of the type you have requested. Pursuant to a regulation of the Department of Justice, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use. I am precluded, therefore, from complying with your requests for information.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Jacksonville (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, JACKSONVILLE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have

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NOTE TO JACKSONVILLE. CONTINUED

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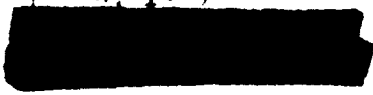
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests she be furnished a report on communist activities in the NCCC, advised whether there are active communists in the NCCC and whether there are recommended books (presumably recommended by the NCCC) written by communists. She also requests information concerning "Young Life Christian youth organization" which she understands has been investigated by the FBI.

It is not believed we should advise the correspondent we have not investigated Young Life Campaign since to do so might imply we have investigated the NCCC. In view of the current controversy concerning the NCCC, such a statement is not deemed advisable. In view of the broad nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to request a report or report to me  
of the Communist activities in the National Council  
of Churches. As next of America's public, the good and  
wisdom of your organization makes a great deal in the  
fields a citizen should stand for to protect democracy.  
Are there active Communists in the N.C.C.? Also are  
there persons who work in their media writer or  
Communists?

I understand you have formerly investigated the  
Young Life Christian youth organization for Communist  
leadership. Would you be so kind to send that infor-  
mation to me also.

With sincere appreciation for your help in this  
matter, I am,

Yours truly,



*Handwritten initials*

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MAY 17 1960

1 - Mr. Simpson

May 12, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 1, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In view of your interest in the communist menace to this country, however, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (3)

1 - Dallas (Enclosure) (See note, page two)

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ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The article "Termites of the Cross," referred to by the correspondent was a series of articles which appeared in the "American Mercury" magazine from September, 1959, to February, 1960, and was prepared as a special report by the editor of the magazine. It pertains to the alleged communist infiltration in the churches of the United States and some parts of the series are anti-Semitic in nature.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the efforts of the communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. The NCCC was formerly known as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "God and Country or Communism?"



NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has a subscription to the "American Mercury" magazine and states that an article, "Termites of the Cross" was an "eye opener." She requested information concerning this. She also inquired if the National Council of Churches and the Federal Council of Churches have record of communist infiltration.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
May 1, 1960

Mr J. Edgar Hoover.

Would like for some infirmation on a few things,  
that are being discussed so much in papers & on the air.

I'm a "Gold Star Mother" from World War II,  
I'm very much interested in U.S.A. future & or Christian Way of  
Life, I'm a Baptist.

questions

I sent my subscription for "American Mercury Magazine" to Bear  
Witness to the truth  
In this magazine is the "Termites of the Cross" was an eye opener,  
but didnt give the Author. Could I have some infirmation on  
this.

Is it true that the

National Council of Churches -  
Federal Council of Churches  
have records of communist affiliation.

We (My husband & I) are afraid to write for  
infirmation from any one, but you.

Will thank you so much

/s/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

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[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address line 1]

[Redacted address line 2]

1 - Mr. Farrow

May 11, 1960

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 30, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reveal that the correspondent communicated with the Bureau by letter dated March 20, 1952. Correspondent furnished literature advertising the "International Gift of the Month Club" which she thought might be of interest to the FBI. This letter was acknowledged by Bulet dated March 28, 1952, a copy of which was sent to your office.

NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, CONTINUED

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Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asked "Do you have proof that communism has infiltrated our churches in America." She states that Billy Hargas from Tulsa, Oklahoma, says he has proof. She expresses concern over the fate of the churches and asks if this could be a communist move to undermine the churches of America.

Self-addressed, stamped envelope being used in reply.

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[REDACTED]  
Apr. 30 - 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,-

Do you have proof that communism has infiltrated our churches in America?

A person by the name of Billy Hargas from Tulsa, Oklahoma is traveling around preaching this, and saying he has proof.

It seems to me that if we lose faith in our churches there is nothing we can believe in.

If the Air Manual we hear about was telling the truth about the churches why was it not given full publicity?

I am a life long Methodist and this story is of much concern to me. (I am now 74 years old, a loyal American who hates to see our churches undermined.

Can this whole thing be a communist move to undermine our faith, in our churches and our religion.

Please answer?

Very truly Yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY



[REDACTED]

Apr. 30 - 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

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Please answer?  
Very truly yours

12 MAY 1960

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 10, 1960

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-0-27409C)

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Cleveland dated 5-3-60.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence. [REDACTED] on 5-6-60 by SA [REDACTED]. She stated she is a sales lady working out of a real estate office. She stated she possessed no information that the Bureau did not also possess. She advised the National Council of Churches is composed of most of the major churches and that she knows what the Communists have done to the churches. In this connection she stated the Communists stated they would infiltrate churches and schools and that such has and is being done. She stated information pertaining to this infiltration can be found in their writings and books. She also stated most of the leaders of the National Council of Churches have been cited as being subversive.

[REDACTED] stated she formerly was a member of the Presbyterian Church and that members of her family still belong to this church. She stated she disaffiliated with the Presbyterian Church a number of years ago and that she wished she could pull the members of her family out of the Church. She stated she could not sleep if she supported any church that was a member of the National Council of Churches. She also stated that all people who belong to churches which in turn are members of the National Council of Churches should drop their memberships.

[REDACTED] stated the National Council of Churches sponsors all communistic and socialistic programs. She then mentioned the recognition of Red China, various peace movements and the World Court which she stated the National Council of Churches is at the top in supporting.

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[redacted] stated the trouble is that the people generally are not sufficiently interested in ascertaining what is going on in the National Council of Churches. She stated the National Council of Churches was formerly known as the Federal Council of Churches and that it was "red" then but not out in the open as much as it is today.

[redacted] stated she was prompted to write a letter to Mr. HOOVER when several weeks ago she read an article concerning him in the magazine section of the Sunday issue of "The Canton Repository". She stated this article mentioned Mr. HOOVER walking down the aisle of a Presbyterian Church which was attended by President EISENHOWER and that she thought Mr. HOOVER and the President should tell the people about the National Council of Churches.

[redacted] admitted she possessed no specific information and that the information she does possess is general in nature. She stated she could send SA [redacted] to a man who could furnish "all the facts and figures". When inquiry was made as to the identity of this man she named him as [redacted] pastor of the [redacted] Gospel center of which she admitted being a member.

No derogatory information was located in Cleveland files regarding [redacted]. It is noted that limited information regarding him is contained in Cleveland airtel and blank memorandum dated 5-16-57 and forwarded to the Bureau under the caption, "American Committee of Christian Churches, IS-X".

It was the opinion of SA [redacted] that [redacted] possesses no specific information regarding the National Council of Churches being infiltrated by or dominated by Communists and that she is extremely excitable and nervous.

UACB, no further action is contemplated.

1 - Mr. Farrow

*File* 100-50869-429

May 12, 1960

REC-33



Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 1, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

With regard to your request for booklets on the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4)

1 - El Paso (enclosure)

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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENTION: SAC, EL PASO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles reveal no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. No record was located that a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" has been furnished the correspondent by the Bureau as he indicates in his letter.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asks for information about communist infiltration in the NCCC and expresses the desire to know the truth as to whether or not certain high council officials belong to "front" organizations. He requests any booklets the Bureau can furnish him concerning communism.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
May 1, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir:

You recently sent me a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which I had requested. I thank you very much.

I have also recently become very interested in learning more about the facts you may have on the allegation that there has been some communist infiltration into "The National Council of Churches." Please send me whatever up-to-date booklet or other report etc which you have on this subject. I have heard several names of the high council officials who are accused of belonging to "front" organizations. I want to learn if this is true.

I know there might be other booklets on the communist operations and our work against them. I don't know them by name to ask for but I will study any you can send and pass them on to others. Thank you for your help.

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

May 1, 1962

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Sir: National Council of Churches of Christ

You recently sent me a copy of  
"Guide to Subversive Organizations  
and Publications" which I had  
requested. I thank you very much.

I have also recently become very  
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Please send me whatever up-to-date  
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Yours,  
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1 - Mr. Farrow

May 11, 1960

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated May 2, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Indianapolis (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have

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kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our overall investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent asks the following questions:

(1) Are there card-carrying communist ministers in the National Council of Churches? Can you give me their names?

(2) Are there Methodist ministers who are card-carrying communists? Can you give me their names?

Self-addressed, stamped envelope is being used in reply.

In view of the nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

May 2, 1960  
[REDACTED]

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been told that I can learn the truth by writing to you. I certainly hope I can. Would you please answer the following questions for me?

Are there card carrying communist ministers in the National Council of Churches? Can you give me their names?

Are there Methodist ministers who are card carrying communists? Can you give me their names?

This information is not for publication or for any other reason than to help me make decisions in my own life.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

TRUE COPY

May 2, 1960

[Redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have been told that I can learn the truth by writing to you. I certainly hope I can. Would you please answer the following questions for me?

Are there card carrying communist ministers in the National Council of Churches? Can you give me their names?

Are there Methodist ministers who are card carrying communists? Can you give me their names?

This information is not for publication or for any other reason than to help me make decisions in my own life.

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Thank you

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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May 10, 1960

EX-104

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 2, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have the specific data you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: The above reply has been used on similar inquiries in view of the wide-spread controversy over the National Council of the Churches of Christ. It was investigated briefly by the Bureau several years ago, inquiries limited to close contacts of the New York Office, and nothing subversive developed.

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May 2, 1960

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Is the National Council  
of Churches of Christ in the  
United States associated  
with the Communist movement?

If so, please send me  
information concerning same.

Sincerely,  
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1 - Mr. Farrow

May 9, 1960

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EX-108

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

As you have pointed out in your letter, our files are confidential. This is in accordance with a specific regulation of the Department of Justice. While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Dallas (enclosure)

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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENTION SAC, DALLAS:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication.

Bureau files reveal that correspondent communicated with the President of the United States by letter dated April 28, 1959, with a copy to the Director. Correspondent was critical of what he called the Government's policy of sending FBI Agents into Southern States to investigate mistreatment of Negroes while Agents were not used to investigate violence on the part of labor unions. The Bureau's letter dated 5-8-59 acknowledged this communication and set forth the Bureau's position in these matters. Correspondent, by letter dated 5-18-59 thanked the Director for his "nice letter" of May 8 and stated he had "profound respect for you, Mr. Hoover." He stated, however, "I am still against this rank discrimination whereby you are instructed to send men to protect and prosecute Negro rapists and murderers but you are never urged to send men to protect white working men and women who are charged with no offense but who are abused." This letter was not acknowledged by the Bureau. (44-14403)

For a number of years, allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests any information the Bureau has obtained through investigation of those



NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWO

men whose names have been "connected and associated with the National Council of Churches." He desires to discuss this information with his pastor.

In view of the controversial nature of this inquiry, it is believed that the above letter will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Address per prior correspondence.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

April 28, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

There are numerous editorials in newspapers and magazines which charge that the National Council of Churches is infiltrated by persons who have a number of communist front connections. They do not charge that these men are communists, as you know, but they allow their names to be used in very poor places.

I know that certain of your files are confidential, but if you have made any investigation of the men whose names have been connected and associated with the National Council of Churches, I should like very much to have this information so that I can discuss it with my pastor, because many members of the congregation believe that our church is being used indirectly by the communist party through these men, whether they are innocent or not.

Very sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 27, 1960, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

In response to your inquiry relative to my views on communism, I have continually spoken out against the serious threat communism poses for the free world, and this Bureau has been actively engaged in fighting this evil for many years. More recently, I have become alarmed at the tolerant attitude many Americans are taking toward this menace and this is exemplified by the comments you have received. I am enclosing two of my more recent statements on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you. The reprints you requested are no longer available for distribution.

While I would like to be of assistance to you with regard to your inquiry concerning the National Council of Churches, and the Mental Health Movement, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the organization you named. Please do not infer in this connection either that the files in the FBI do or do not contain the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

17th National Convention of CP USA

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**NOTE:** Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] In view of the recent controversy over the Air Force Manual, which involves the National Council of Churches (NCC), and the fact that the NCC has been, for some time, a controversial organization, the files confidential reply has been utilized in responding to inquiries about the organization. This paragraph of which, of course, also covers the Mental Health Movement.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

April 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I wonder if you would be so kind as to send me reprints of the following articles: "The Menace of Communism." and "God or Chacs."

Also, Sir do you have any information on the National Council of Churches and the Mental Health Movement.

I have been working with several pro-America groups, and I am interested in getting to the bottom of this thing. I would like to know your opinion as to the seriousness of the threat of Communism in the United States.

We have professors here at T. C. U. that rather brand persons fighting this thing as "scaremongers," or "crape hangers," and they use you as an example. They say, and I quote, "You do not see J. Edgar Hoover running around fighting this thing." "He is not excited about it." "Why should we be." For this reason Sir, would you please give me your answer.

Very sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Parsons *km*

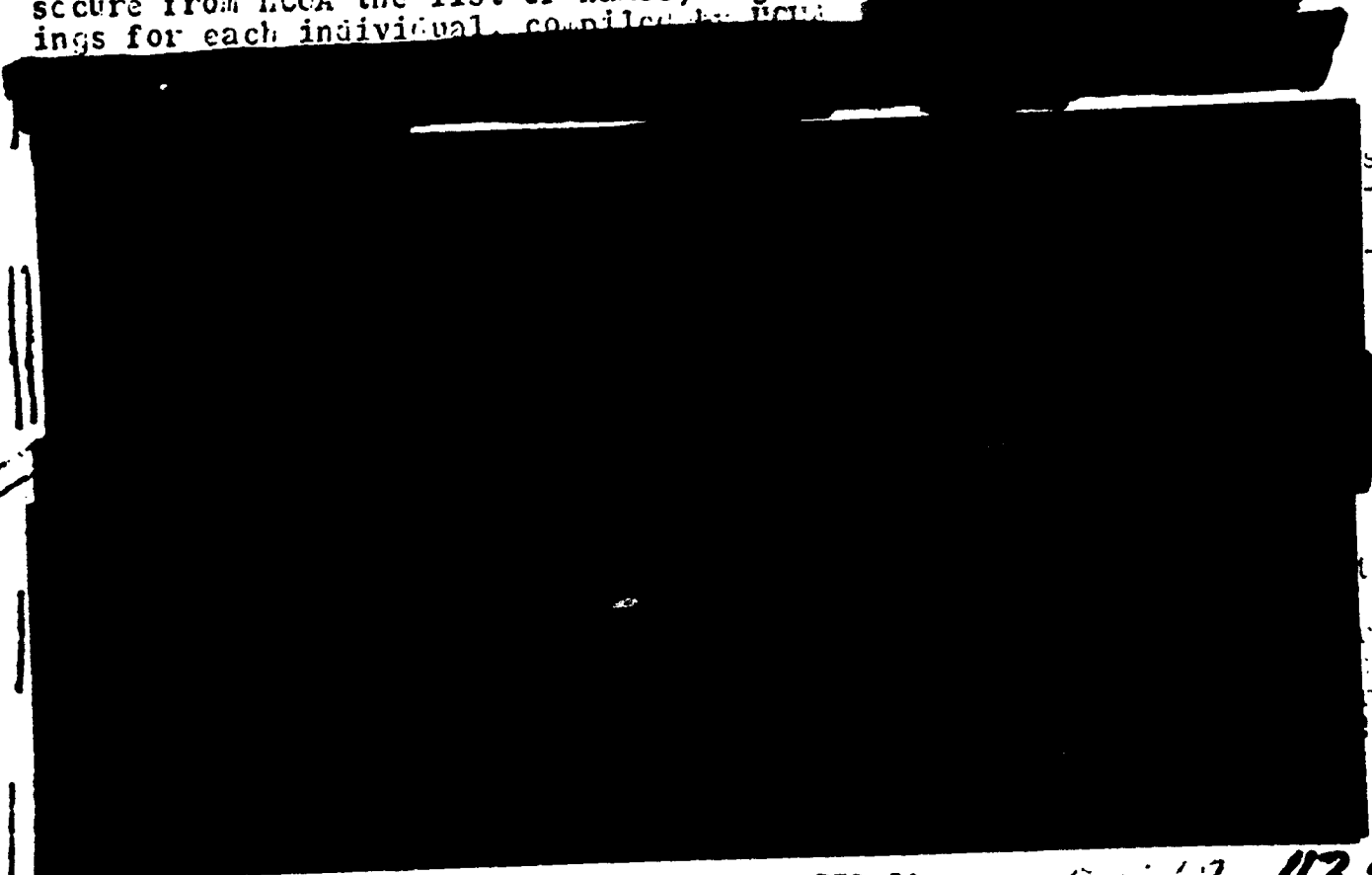
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FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES  
 OF CHRIST  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

During the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearing of 2/25/60 regarding the controversial Air Reserve Center Training Manual, Richard Arens of HCUA stated HCUA had found over 100 persons in a leadership capacity in the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes. We requested Mr. DeLoach's office to secure from HCUA the list of names, together with the subversive listings for each individual, compiled by HCUA.



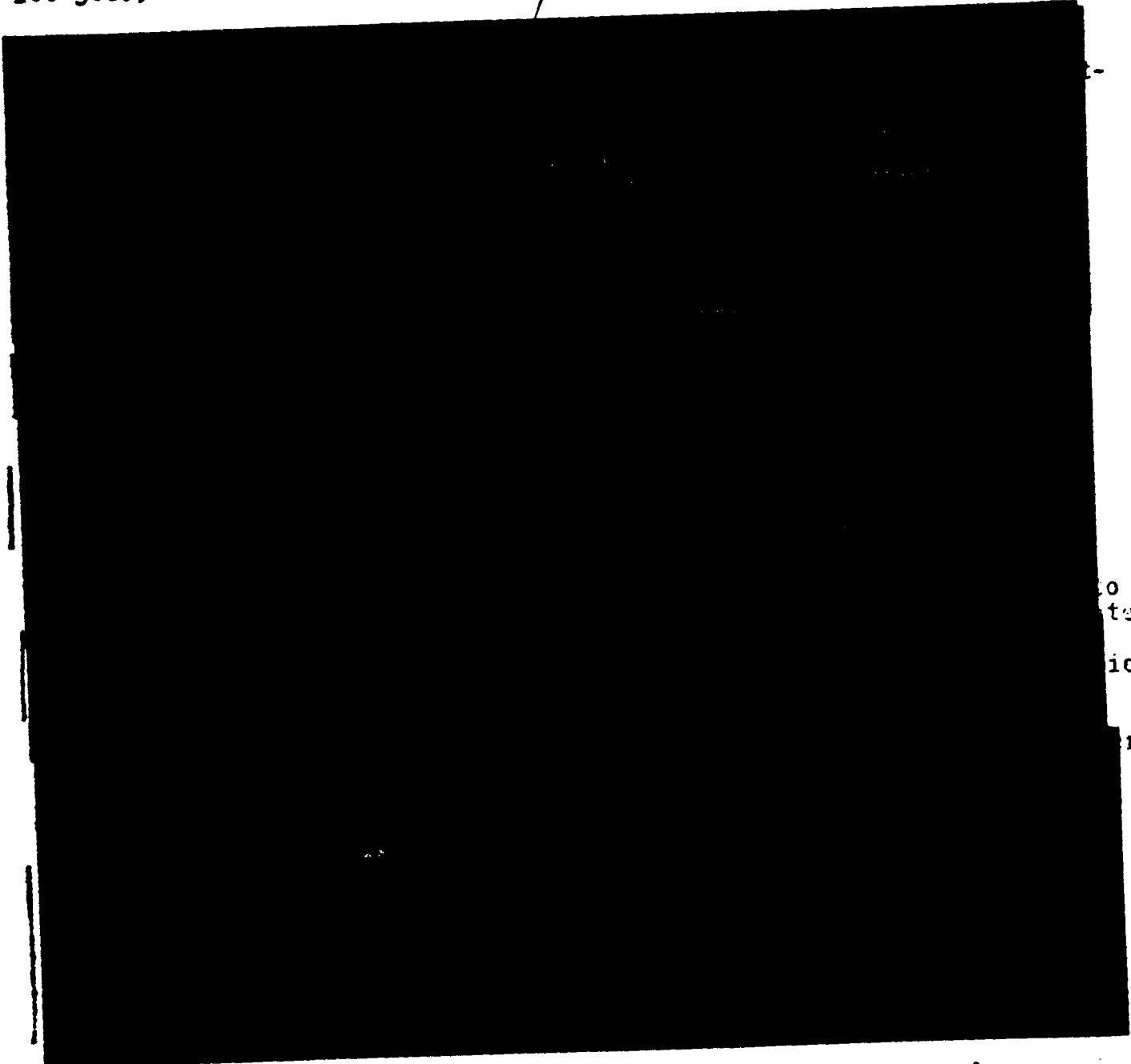
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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons  
Re: Communist Infiltration of the National  
Council of the Churches of Christ  
100-50869



ACTION:

You will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments concerning this matter.

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April 30th, 1960.

United States Department of Justice,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover :

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 28th together with enclosures as a partial reply to my inquiry of April 18th, 1960.

As mentioned in the last paragraph of my inquiry I did not feel certain that you would feel permitted to reply candidly to my specific inquiries, but I do thank you for your reply coupled with the enclosures which I shall read with critical interest and hope thereby to be better able to assist in the needed efforts to combat and destroy <sup>the</sup> violent cancer in our society.

Very sincerely,

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A. B. Belmont

March 18, 1960

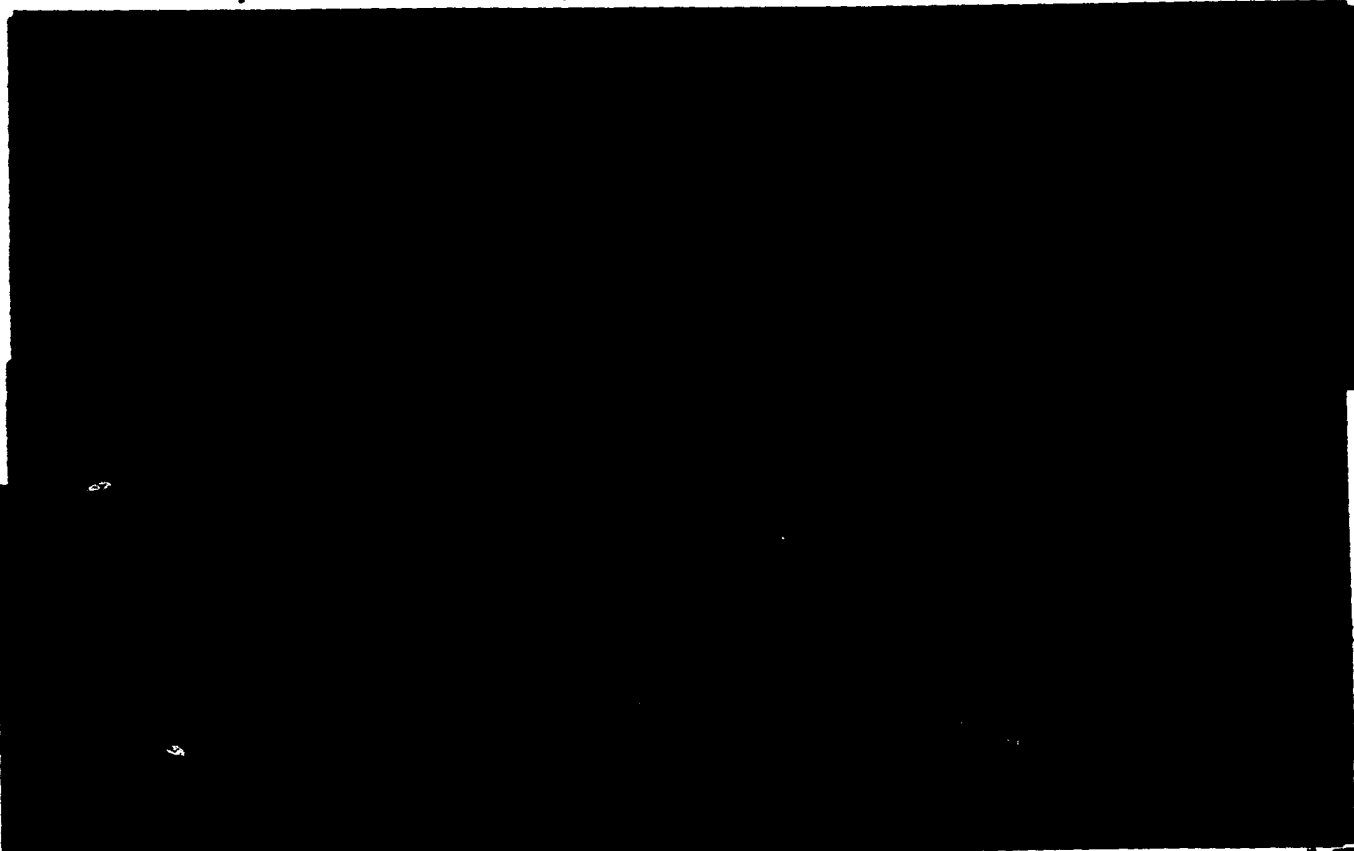
F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinlauf

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A review of the House Committee on Un-American Activities' (HCUA) Report concerning the hearings on 2/25/60 regarding Air Force Training Annual noted that on page 1303 Richard Arons of the HCUA stated that thus far HCUA had found over 100 persons in the leadership capacity of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes. Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont dated 3/15/60 recommended that Mr. Tolson contact his sources at HCUA and secure the list of the "over 100 persons" and, if possible, the HCUA's listing of communist affiliations for each. We desired this information in order that our brief, "Communism and Religion," which we are preparing for the Director would be complete in that respect.



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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: 5-4-60

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: EDWARD K. STIPE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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In a lengthy letter to the editor published in the 4-26-60 issue of the "Mansfield News Journal," Mansfield, Ohio, Edward K. Stipe, Ashland, Ohio, severely criticized Edgar C. Bundy for causing Stipe's resignation from Ashland College. He accuses Bundy of charging the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) is infiltrated with communists but offering no proof. Stipe stated he has received assurance from the FBI that it has no evidence of communist infiltration of the NCCC and that the Director, in a personal letter, assured him that Bundy has never been a member of the FBI. The Director noted in connection with these references to the FBI, "What are the facts? H."

Bufiles do not reveal that we have ever advised Stipe that we had no evidence of communist infiltration of the NCCC. In response to a inquiry from Stipe concerning the NCCC and Bundy, we did advise him in a letter dated 3-21-60 that the Bureau does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization and does not issue clearances or nonclearances. We also advised him that Bundy has no connection with the FBI and has never been an employee. At that time, we furnished him with nine items of literature available for general distribution, none of which, however, contained any references to the NCCC or Bundy.

The "Ashland Times Gazette," Ashland, Ohio, dated 3-25-60 contains an article concerning Stipe's resignation which was allegedly brought about because of correspondence on college stationery with Bundy in which he attacked Bundy for making unfounded charges against the NCCC. The college president accused Stipe of dragging the college into his dispute.



Enclosure *sheet* 5-4-60

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Simpson

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: EDWARD K. STIPE

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We have for years received allegations that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate the NCCC through our investigation of the Communist Party and its efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear that the Communist Party is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

It is believed that it would be desirable to inquire of the Cleveland Office whether that office ever furnished any information to Stipe, but it is not felt we should contact him as he would undoubtedly drag the Bureau further into the controversy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended we inquire of the Cleveland Office whether it has furnished information to Stipe that we have no evidence of communist infiltration of the NCCC. Attached is a suggested letter to the Cleveland Office.

*R.S.* *W.C.* *J.H.* *G.* *P.* *V.* *[Signature]* *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Simpson  
May 3, 1960

SAC, Cleveland

Director, FBI

*National Council of Churches*

MRS. JOHN SHIPMAN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet dated March 31, 1960, directed to  
[redacted] a copy of which was designated for  
your office with the request that the correspondent  
be interviewed.

Bufiles fail to reveal receipt of the results  
of this interview and you are requested to furnish the  
results at once.

In the event this data has been submitted  
to the Bureau, furnish the date and caption of your  
communication.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ DeLoach
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April 29, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 27, 1960, with enclosure, and I appreciate your interest in writing me. It was good of you to send me the editorial by Bishop Hines, and I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (3)

3-60 LEB Introduction  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
Statement re 17th National Convention, CP, USA

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NOTE: [REDACTED], is not identifiable in Bufiles and there is no derogatory information or previous correspondence with [REDACTED]. There is no reference to "The Texas Churchman" in Bufiles. Reply is brief and perfunctory because of the recent controversy regarding the Air Force Manual.

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April 27, 1960

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find for your use one copy of an editorial by the Rt. Rev John E. Hines, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, criticizing the authors of the Air Force Manual that pointed out communist infiltration in the churches.

Very truly yours  
[REDACTED]

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*[Handwritten signature]*

# THE TEXAS Churchman



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## Editorial Taking to the Air

In contrast to the complex issues, of which the "nit-its" are symbols, the recent mess concerning the Air Force Manual seems hardly believable! The most charitable thing that can be said is that ultra-zealous persons, whose fear of Communism leads them to "start at shadows", found what they thought to be an effective channel for helping "save America from the Communists"! It is to be hoped that sometime soon—and perhaps the indignation kindled over this incident will aid—such persons will see that the back-fire which they are uncritically employing to fight the "forest fire" can burn down the preserve of democratic freedoms they claim to be protecting.

A more critical view of the matter would say that such a stupid and unwarranted attack upon non-Roman churches, symbolized for these writers in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, unintentionally (perhaps) aid Communism's probing for the soft under-parts of Democracy's adherents because they blacken by twisted, or unsupported innuendo the last and best bulwark of American freedom... and, more to the point, of freedom anywhere in the world! It would be "against nature" if the communists did not attempt to infiltrate the once most potent moulder of public opinion and ethical standards, the preacher of the Gospel. It must be an unexpected boon to the "infiltrators" to find an ally in the author of this controversial section of the "Air Reserve Center Training Manual"! I have read the manual and, I must say, that—even apart from this dreadfully stupid section—it does not compliment the intelligence of trainees to whom it is directed. Assiduously pursuing some of its admonitions could push a low well-balanced trainee into a neurotic withdrawal from the world—in full battle dress! To build an America impervious to the "infiltrators"—we need mutual trust, not mutual suspicion!

—JEH

## Diocese of Texas

February 7—Addressed Sunday school classes, confirmed hour, Holy Communion, and prayer at 8 a.m. in Holy Trinity, Austin. As the service the Rector requested continue preaching until the arrival of one of the candidates arriving from North Carolina! The congregation was saved by their arrival eighteen minutes after I began preaching. Fine dinner at the rectory with vestrymen and their wives.  
 11—Attended the parish supper of Christ Church, Tyler at 6:30 p.m. and heard the delegates report on the Diocesan Council. Members of the congregation were given opportunity to ask questions and it seemed like a very fine way of disseminating information about the ongoing work of the Diocese.  
 14—Addressed the Sunday School of St. Philip's, Hearne, at 10 a.m. and at 11 o'clock con-

## Austin Churches Sponsor Series

"You do have the time" is the theme of the Lenten worship series being held at St. David's, Austin, March 2 through April 14.  
 The series is sponsored by All Saints', Good Shepherd, St. David's, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection and St. James', Holy Trinity, St. George's, St. Mark's, and St. Matthews, all Austin churches.  
 Upcoming dates in the series are March 29-April 1 when the Rev. Vincent Franks, rector emeritus of St. Andrew's in Jackson, Miss. will be the speaker; April 4 with the Rev. Edward V. Long, pastor of St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Austin; April 5-8, the Rev. Gordon Charlton, Jr., rector of Christ Church, Mexico City, and April 11-14, the Rev. Francis Johnson, ETS-S.

The series has already brought to Austin, during its first three weeks such outstanding clergymen as the Rt. Rev. Joseph Harte, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Dallas; the Rev. Edward Winchley, warden of the Healing Home of Natal, South Africa; the Rt. Rev. Albert Rhett Sears, bishop of Georgia; Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus of the University Methodist Church, Austin; Bishop Goddard; the Rev. John William Lancaster, pastor of First Southern Presbyterian Church, Austin; the Rt. Rev. Edward Randolph Wells, Bishop of West Missouri and Dr. Madison V. Scott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Austin.

lined services and preached at 3:30 p.m. with Mrs. Philip Leach Logan blessed the new Mrs. Hazel Falconer in the newspaper reported four hundred and fifty present for this service.

15—Attended meeting Executive Board at Christ Cathedral, Houston.  
 17—At 6 p.m. attended fish supper at St. Mark's, water, and gave an address to the Diocesan Council. At confirmed seven for St. Michael and All Angels', Georgetown for St. Mark's, Gladewater with the Vicar, James Kilp.

## New Church 'Episcopalia'

The Episcopal Church will have a new national magazine in April called *The Episcopalia* according to announcement by chairman of the nine-member Church Magazine Advisory Board, Mr. Robert E. Kenyon. The new magazine will be published monthly by the Magazine Advisory Board under the authority of General Convention and will succeed *Faith* as the officially-sponsored national journal of the Episcopal Church. In 1940 *Faith* ceased *The Spirit of Missions* which had been published clearly since January 1936.  
 Purpose of *The Episcopalia*, as stated in Resolutions of the 1938 General Convention, will be "to serve the needs of all the people of the church." More specifically new journal will carry art and pictures of inspiration, formation, and inquiry, relating to the mission of

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ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. Simpson

May 6, 1960

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated April 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various statements and articles concerning the menace of communism to this country. In response to your request, I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (8)

1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, CONTINUED, PAGE TWO

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NOTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, CONTINUED

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1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist 'New Look.'"
3. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Where do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "How to Beat Communism."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that an article in the local newspaper gave the impression there no longer is any need for "depressing communism" in government and refers to the Un-American Activities Committee as persecutors. The same paper contained an article indicating that Representative James D. Roosevelt had called on Congress to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its attack on the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the California educational system. Correspondent inquired if the situation is improving and if we have any recent literature on this subject.

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FBI - MINNEAPOLIS  
REC'D RECORDS

April 28, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In our local paper, the Star, on April 25, an article appeared headed "Civil Liberties Union Demands End of un-American ~~inquiries~~ Inquiries". The article would give the impression that no longer is there need for searching out and depressing communism in government, and they call the un-American Activities Committee persecutors. Also in the same paper was a brief article stating that Rep. James D. Roosevelt had called on the House of Representatives to abolish its committee for their attack on the National Council of Churches and the California educational system.

Some of us would like to know facts. Is the situation improving in reality - or are the Reds trying to make us think so? If you have any recent literature on the subject we would appreciate your sending a copy to us. Thanks.

Yours for the truth

[Redacted signature]

*Boyd*

Ack.  
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TO : Mr. Mohr *[Signature]*

DATE: May 5, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

**[REDACTED]**

called long distance today

from Cincinnati and advised as follows:

He has information indicating that the Church World Service in New York City is affiliated with the National Council of Churches. The Church World Service is an overseas relief operation which ships tons of Government surplus such as food and clothing yearly. The Church World Service has one man under contract to handle the packing and commercial end of the shipping. This man is being replaced by a new arrangement whereby the conscience objectors will do this handling. He said he has no proof or documentation but has received information to the effect that some payola is going on under this new arrangement.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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April 27, 1960

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*Boyd*  
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 19, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the statement which you quoted in your letter is as true today as it was when I originally wrote to Mr. Pappas on February 3, 1961.

I hope that this information will be of assistance to you, and in view of your interest I am taking the liberty of enclosing some additional material which may be of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

- 1 - Mr. Parsons - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosure

List of Enclosures

- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- Statement by Dir before Committee on Un-American Activities 3-28-47
- Statement by Dir concerning 17th Nat'l Convention, CI-USA

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- Mr. Gale
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- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
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- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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**NOTE:** Bufiles contain no record of [REDACTED] **It**  
is noted that the quotation he attributes to the Director is accurate  
and appeared in a letter 2-3-51, from the Director to Mr. E. L. Repass.  
This letter was in response to the inquiry made by Repass concerning  
a statement of the Director's which had been taken out of context from  
remarks he made before the House Committee on Un-American  
Activities, 3-26-47. It is noted that for a number of years allegations  
have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to  
the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ, (NCCC)  
has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted  
an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the  
efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA) to infiltrate this  
organization through our over-all investigation of the CPUSA and  
communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. (100-50869)

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

April 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 United States Department of Justice,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In a pamphlet entitled "Plain Facts about the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. , page 11, a letter from you to Mr. E. L. Repass Roanoke, Virginia, dated February 3, 1951 is given in part as follows:

"I want you to know that neither on this occasion or at any time have I ever made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches."

In view of the extensive propaganda which has been circulated in this section, I have been asked to inquire if you would be willing to make the same statement today. I would appreciate hearing from you in the near future, as it would help me in answering some questions that vitally affect the work of the Methodist Church, of which I am a district superintendent.

Thanking you for your attention to this letter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [Redacted Signature]

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*J. P. R.*

[REDACTED]

April 19, 1960

Mr. Tolson	
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Tele. Room	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
 United States Department of Justice,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: In a pamphlet entitled "Peace  
 Facts about the National Council of Churches  
 which in the N.S.A. page 11, a letter  
 to the N.S.A. from Room 419, dated  
 January 3, 1951 is given in part as follows:

"I want you to know that neither  
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 been any at time to criticizing the  
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I would be willing to make the  
statement today. I would appreciate your  
favor you in the near future, as it  
would help me in answering some  
questions that vitally affect the work  
of the Methodist Church, of which I am  
a lifetime member.

Thanking you for your attention to this  
letter, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]



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April 27, 1960

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[REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 19, 1960, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write. In response to your request, it is a pleasure to enclose some material along the lines you mentioned.

It would not be possible for me to conduct trans-recorded interviews with you due to the unavailability of my heavy schedule and the large number of official matters confronting me on a day-to-day basis. I would, however, be glad to meet you if I am in my office at some future time when you are in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

W. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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- 3 - [REDACTED] (7)
- 1 - Mr. Ingram - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. A. Jones - Enclosure
- 1 - Tour Room - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to [REDACTED]. No mention is being made in the letter re communications in the churches in view of the controversy currently being carried on as a result of the Air Force Manual. In the event [REDACTED] should come to Washington and ask to see the Director, he should be referred to an Agent in the Crime Research Section, it being noted that he desired to make a trans-recorded interview.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
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Let to [REDACTED]

April 26, 1960

**LIST OF ENCLOSURES:**

LEB Introduction 3-1-60  
How to Beat Communism  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
God and Country or Communism?  
17th Convention of CP USA

April 18, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a loyal American citizen and a minister  
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
I am a Methodist, incidentally but a True  
Christian.

I am concerned about how Communism is  
getting such a hold in our country, in religion,  
churches, education, colleges, and Labor  
Unions.

Do you have any Documents available from  
your office, if not, where could I get  
these documents?

I am interested in getting Documents that  
show that Communism is getting into  
the above mentioned circles etc.

There are church members and preachers  
out here in Iowa that don't believe  
that Communism is any threat to our nation.

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THE CHURCH UNITED IN ACTION

NATIONAL COORDINATOR IN AMERICA

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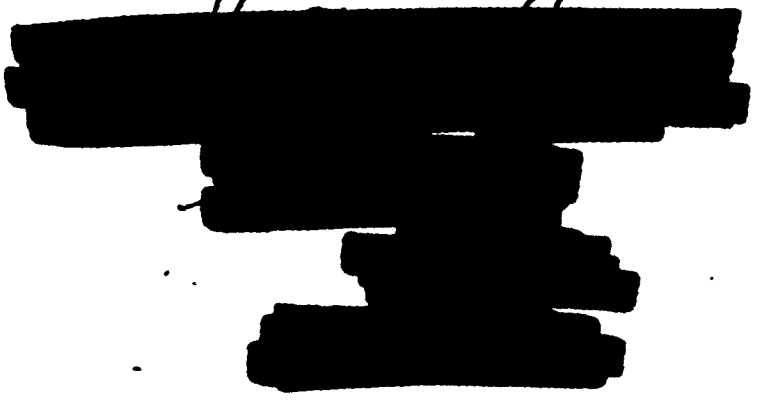
Would you be kind to write me a letter and  
tell me what you have available, if anything.  
If I were to come to Washington would  
I, as a citizen, be allowed to see you  
personally in regard to what I have written  
here.

Would I be allowed to make tape recorded  
interviews with you?

I am with Iowa Temperance League, a  
church organization out here in Iowa.  
We go into schools and give educational  
programs on the effects of alcoholic  
beverages.

I trust that I may hear from you.

Very Sincerely

A large, solid black rectangular redaction covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes or dates that might have been present.

TRUE CC PY

[REDACTED]

April 18, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau  
of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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I am a Methodist, incidently but a True Christian.

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There are church members and Preachers out here in Iowa that dont believe that communism is any threat to our Nation.

Would you be kind to write me a letter and tell me what you have available, if anything.

If I were to come to Washington would I, as a citizen, be allowed to see you personally in regard to what I have written here.

Would I be allowed to make tape recorded interviews with you?

I am with Iowa Temperance League, a church organization out here in Iowa. We go into schools and give educational Programs on the effects of alcoholic beverages.

I trust that I may hear from you.

Very Sincerely  
[REDACTED]

April 28, 1960

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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated April 16, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibility of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearance. I am also unable to suggest a source where you may obtain the information you desire.

The FBI has from time to time issued various statements and articles concerning the source of currency. I am enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures - 3

FBI - SAC, Indianapolis (Enclosure)

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**ATTENTION, SAC, INDIANAPOLIS**

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bfiles reveal that correspondent furnished information by letter to the Bureau in 1943 which was not, however, a matter within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI.

"The National or Federated Churches of Christ in America," referred to by the correspondent, is undoubtedly identical with the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) which was formerly known as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

**NOTE TO SAC, INDIANAPOLIS CONT. PAGE THREE**

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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist 'New Look.'"
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6. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
7. "How to Beat Communism."
8. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he heard Major Ed Bundy speak on a radio program concerning the subject of communism and our churches, particularly those affiliated with the "National or Federated Churches of Christ in America." He states, as he recalls, Major Bundy is associated with the Church League of America. He requests that he be "advised and assured of the reliable integrity of these organizations" or that he be directed to a reliable source of information concerning them.



April 18th, 1960.

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The writer is a citizen of the United States, a resident of this city, [redacted] and both a property owner and a member of the First Methodist Church of this community.

While in Florida on vacation and just recently returned, I listened to a question and answer Radio Forum in Miami, Florida in which Major Ed Bundy was the principal speaker and the one interrogated on the vital subject of Communism and its present involvement in many of our churches, particularly those affiliated with The National or Redeemed Churches of Christ in America.

The subject in its context was indeed alarming, and in some discussion with sincere people here and elsewhere there is that attitude of "back cannot happen in our Churches", which is to be even more alarming that if they were willing to fully investigate and root out any evil influences no matter how it may be found.

As I read Major Ed Bundy is associated with the Church League of America with headquarters in Wheaton, Illinois, and before some time available information on this subject from them I should like to be advised and advised of the available information of these organizations from your office, in view of an edition and reference to in the above mentioned broadcast to eliminate any possible organization and their permanent records.

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If I can be of any assistance in your efforts from you will be glad to help in the way of facts and information such will be appreciated. I do feel however that much weight with any official officers can be had from information you may be able to supply to me, and which I shall hope to use in furtherance of present efforts to stamp out the vicious infiltration of such undesirable Communist propaganda in our nation.

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